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KITTY'S
GOT CLAWS
--AND
LASERS

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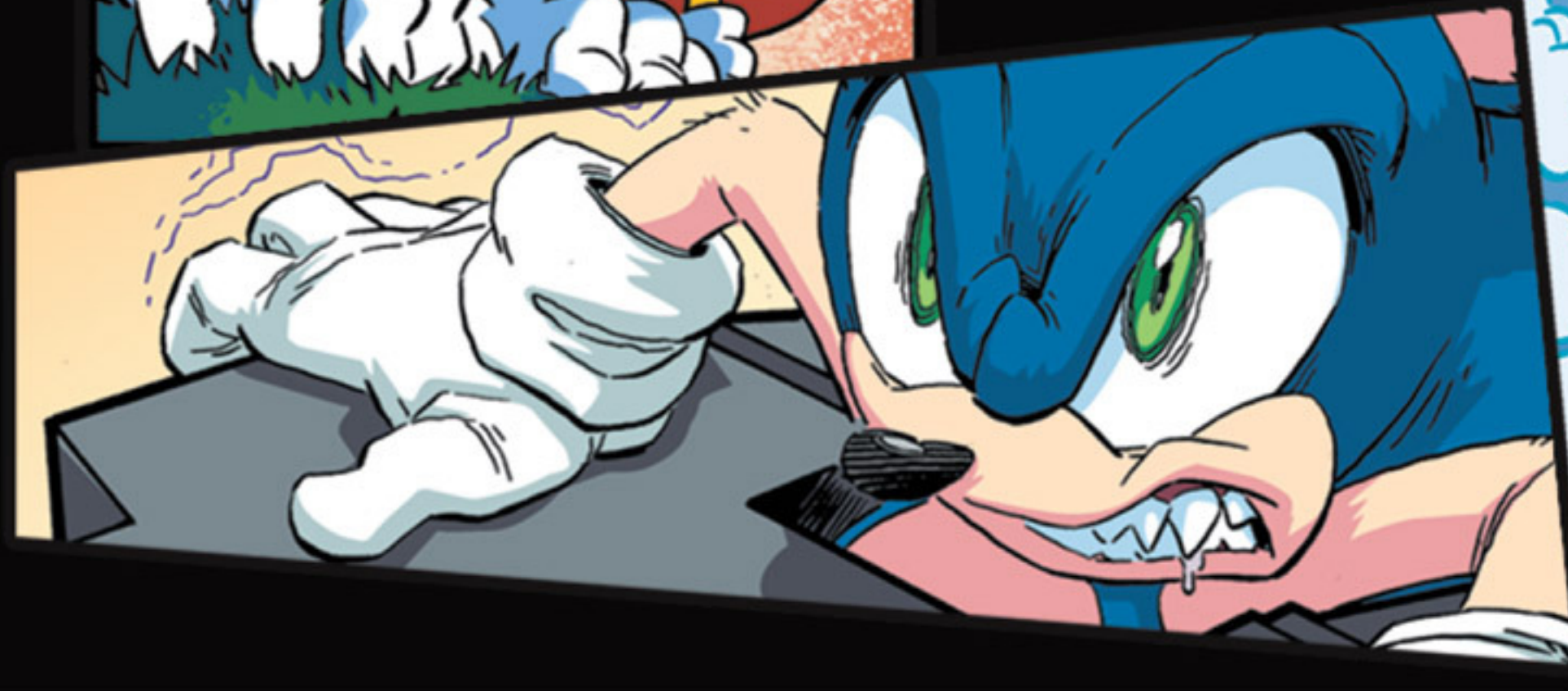
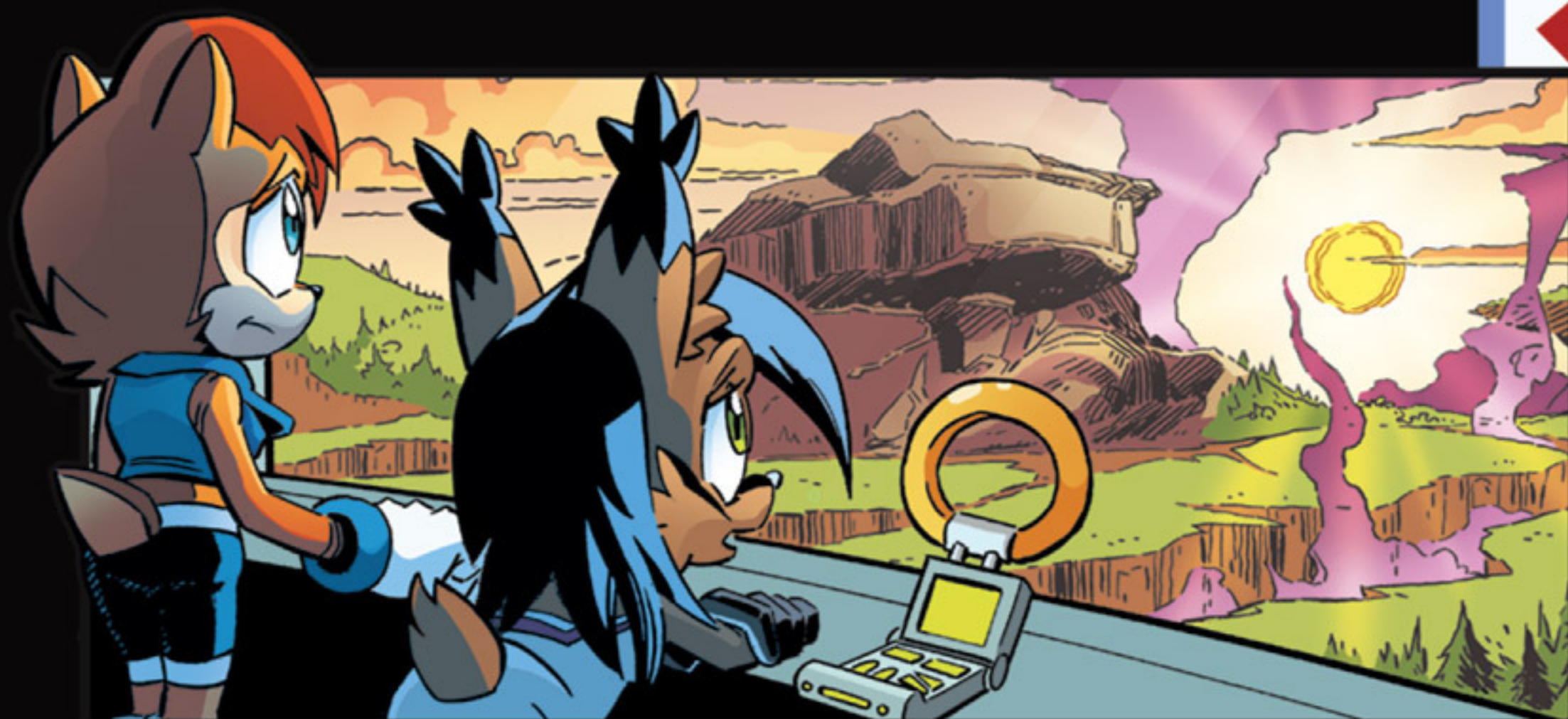
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Sonic received a face-full of concentrated Dark Gaia energy days ago. He swears he's fine, but something isn't right...



WHO'S WHO



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WORLD FAMOUS HERO



AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE
& **SALLY ACORN**
PRINCESS & TACTICIAN



MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
LAID-BACK TITAN
& **RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL**
SUPER FLYER



???

ROCKY JUNGLE
ZONE, SOUMERCA...

POW!

BLAM!

WHOA-
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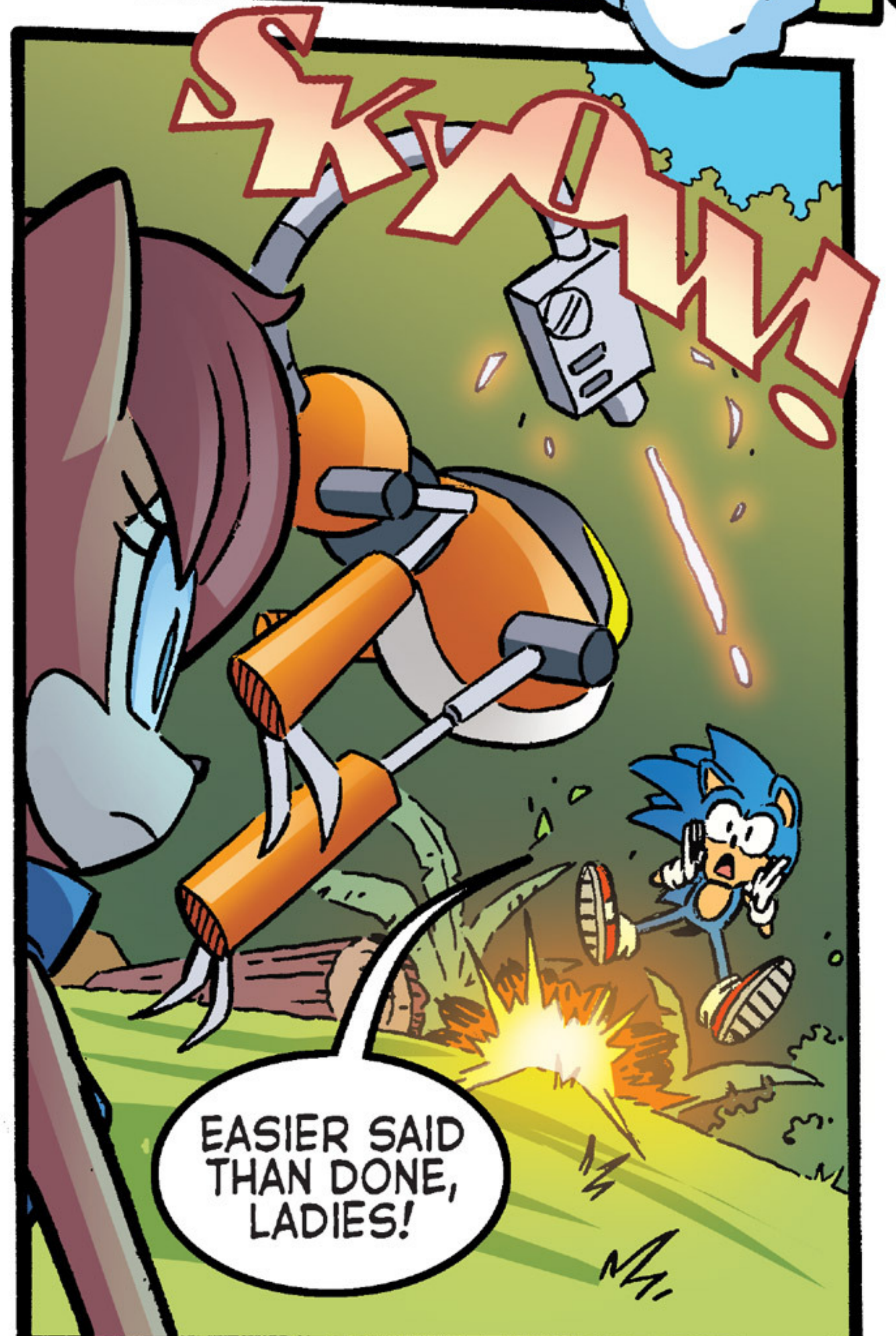
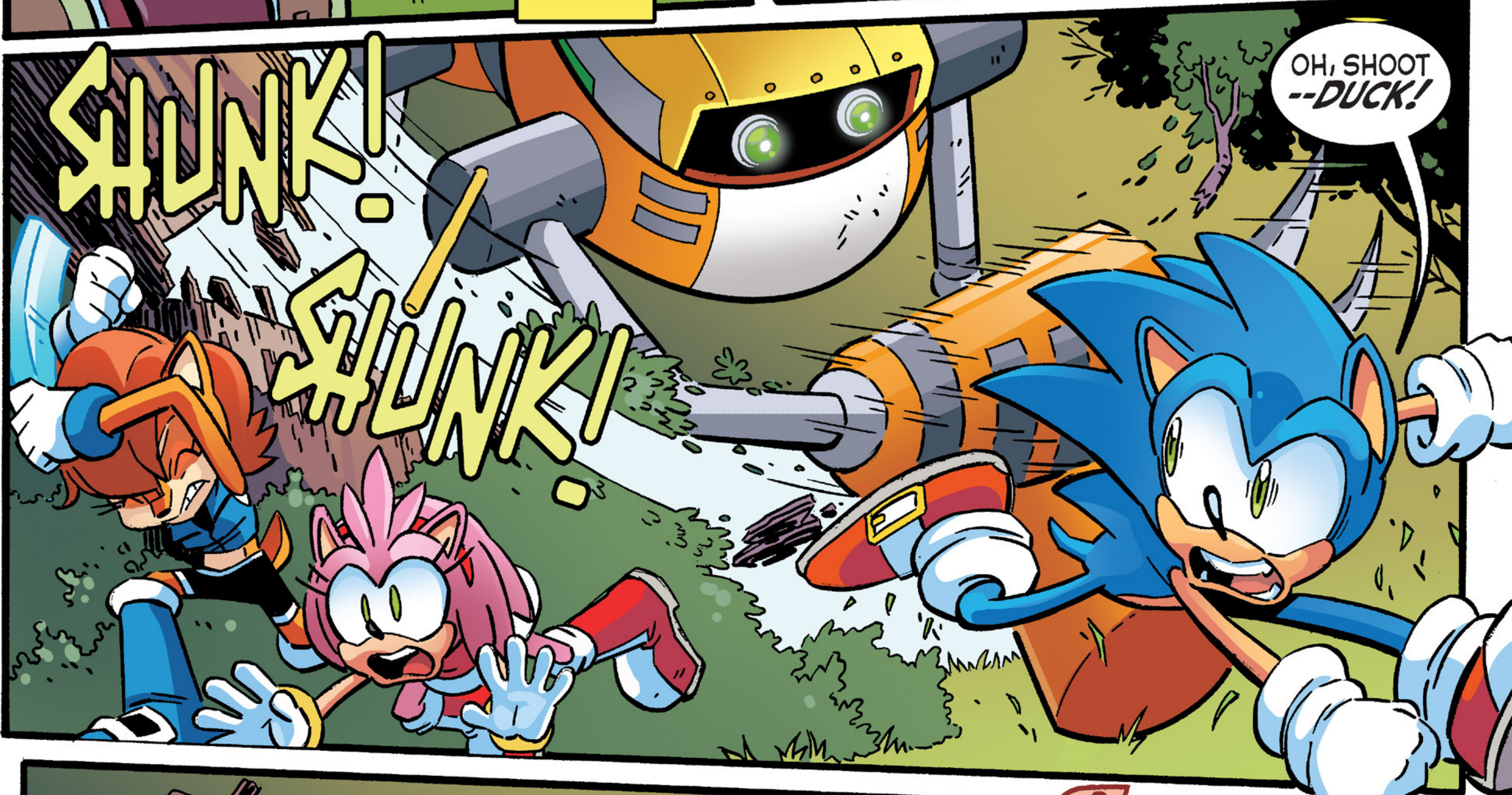
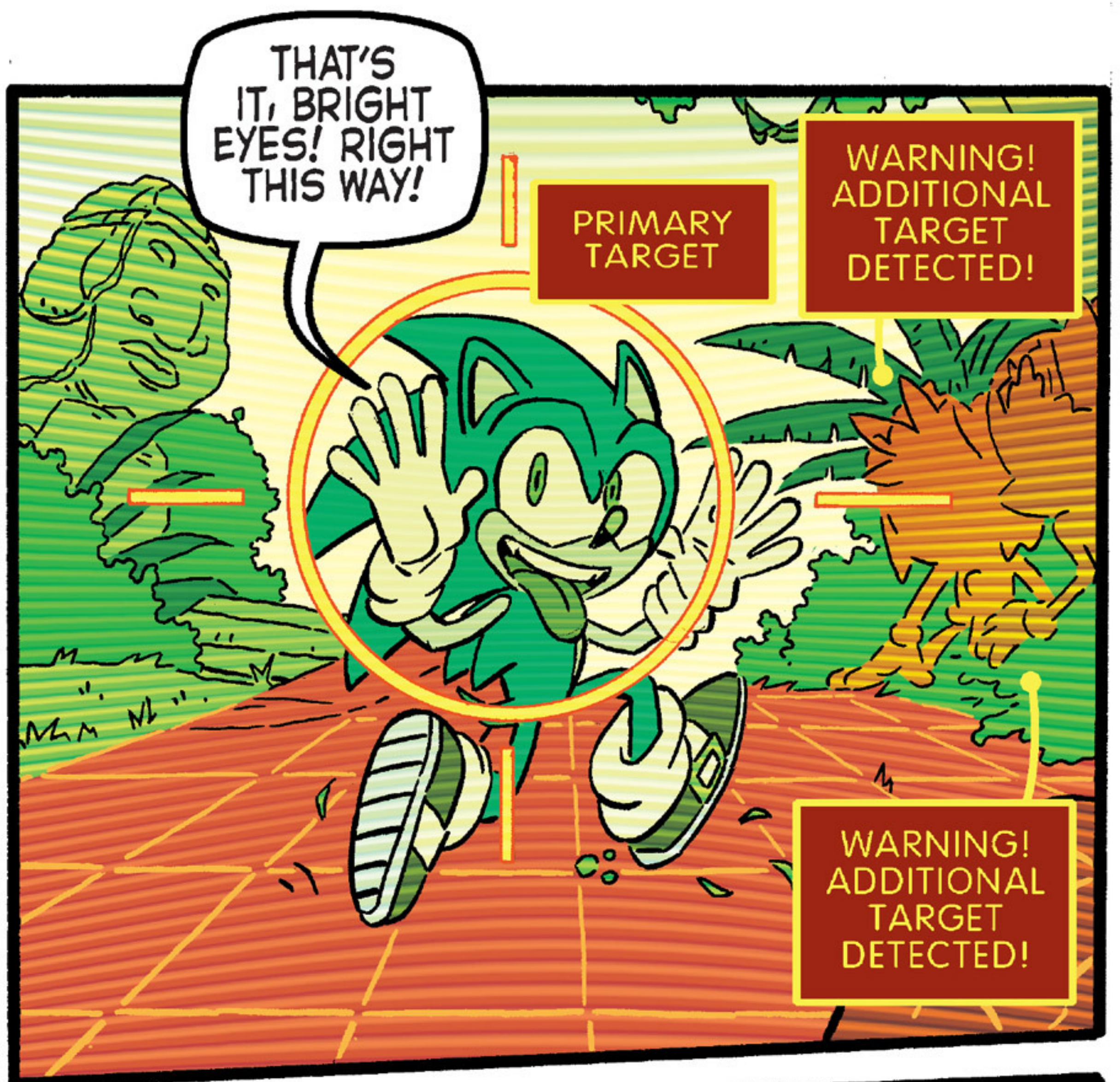
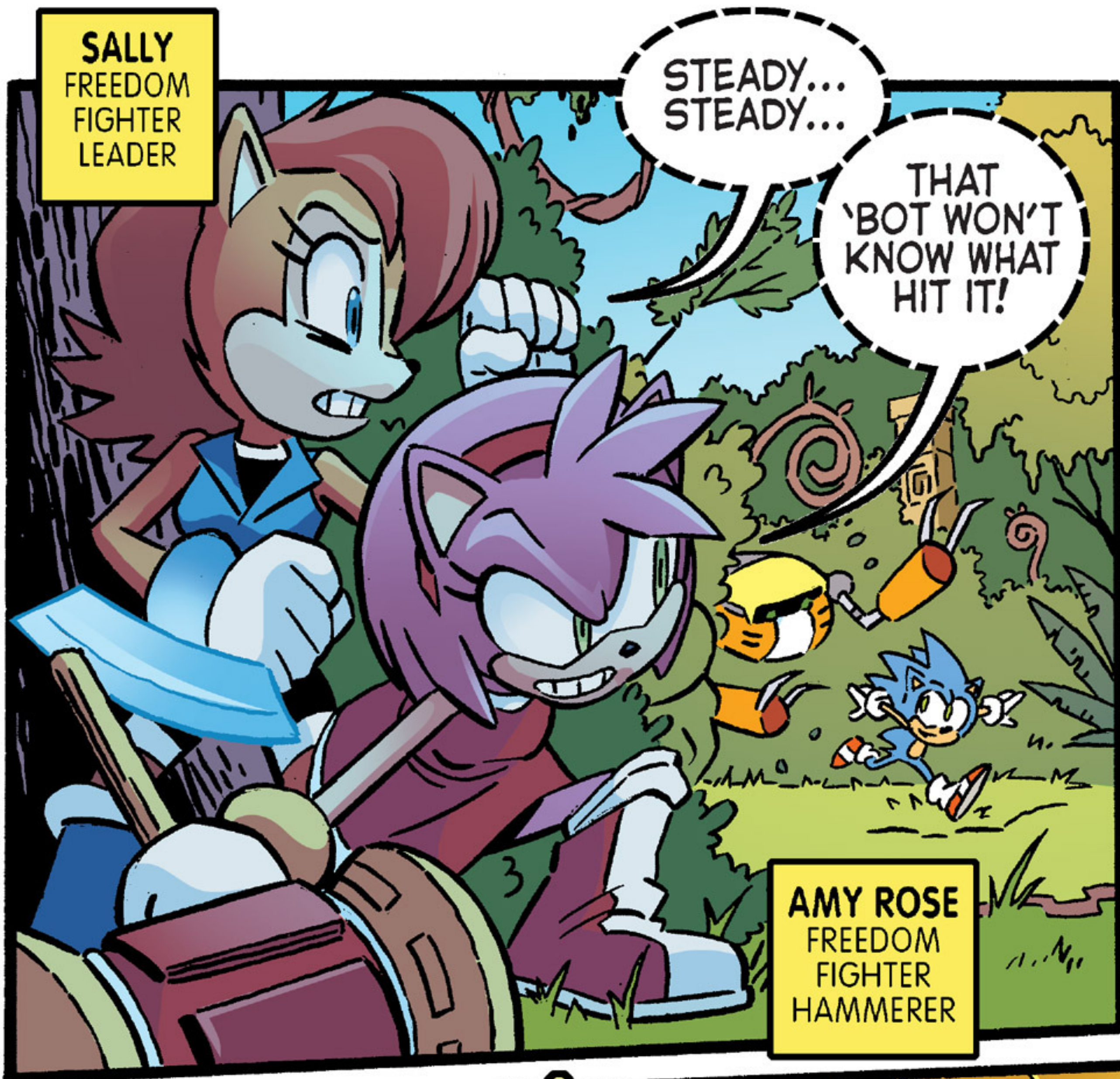
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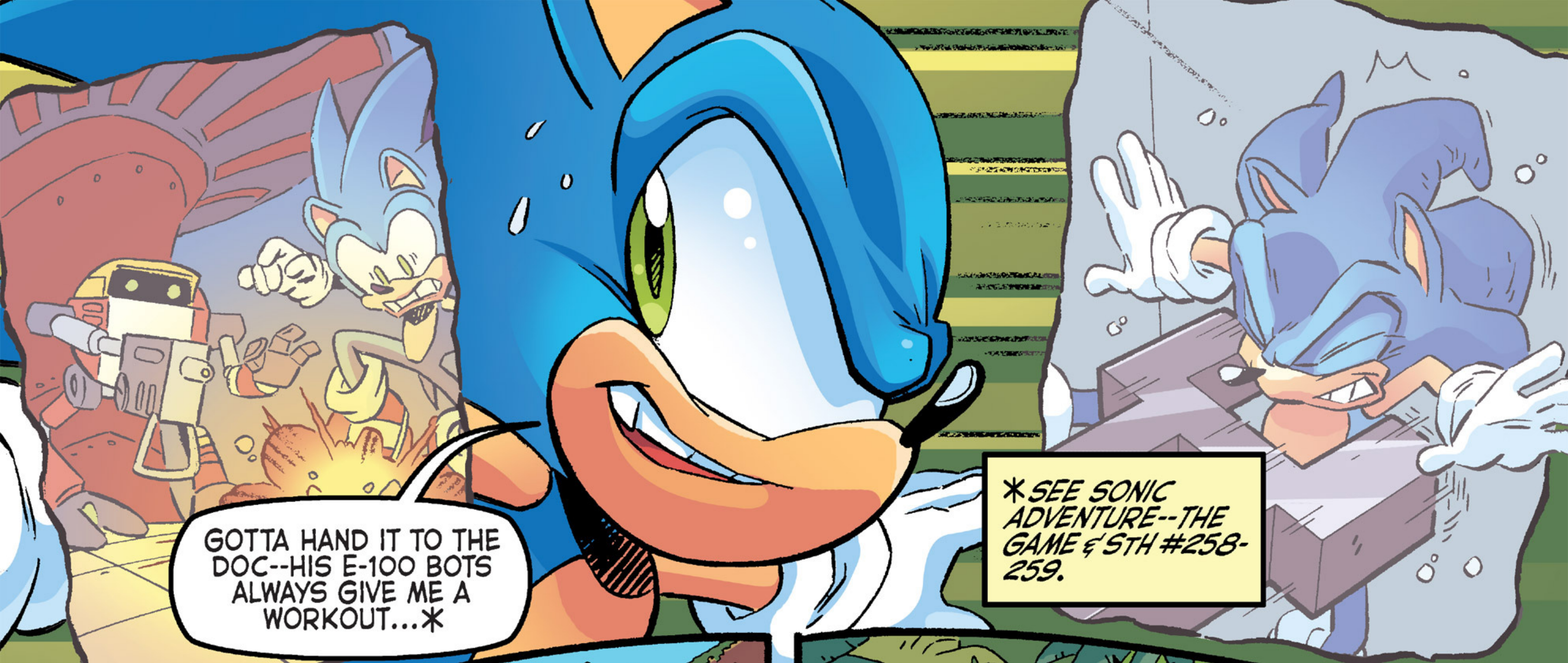
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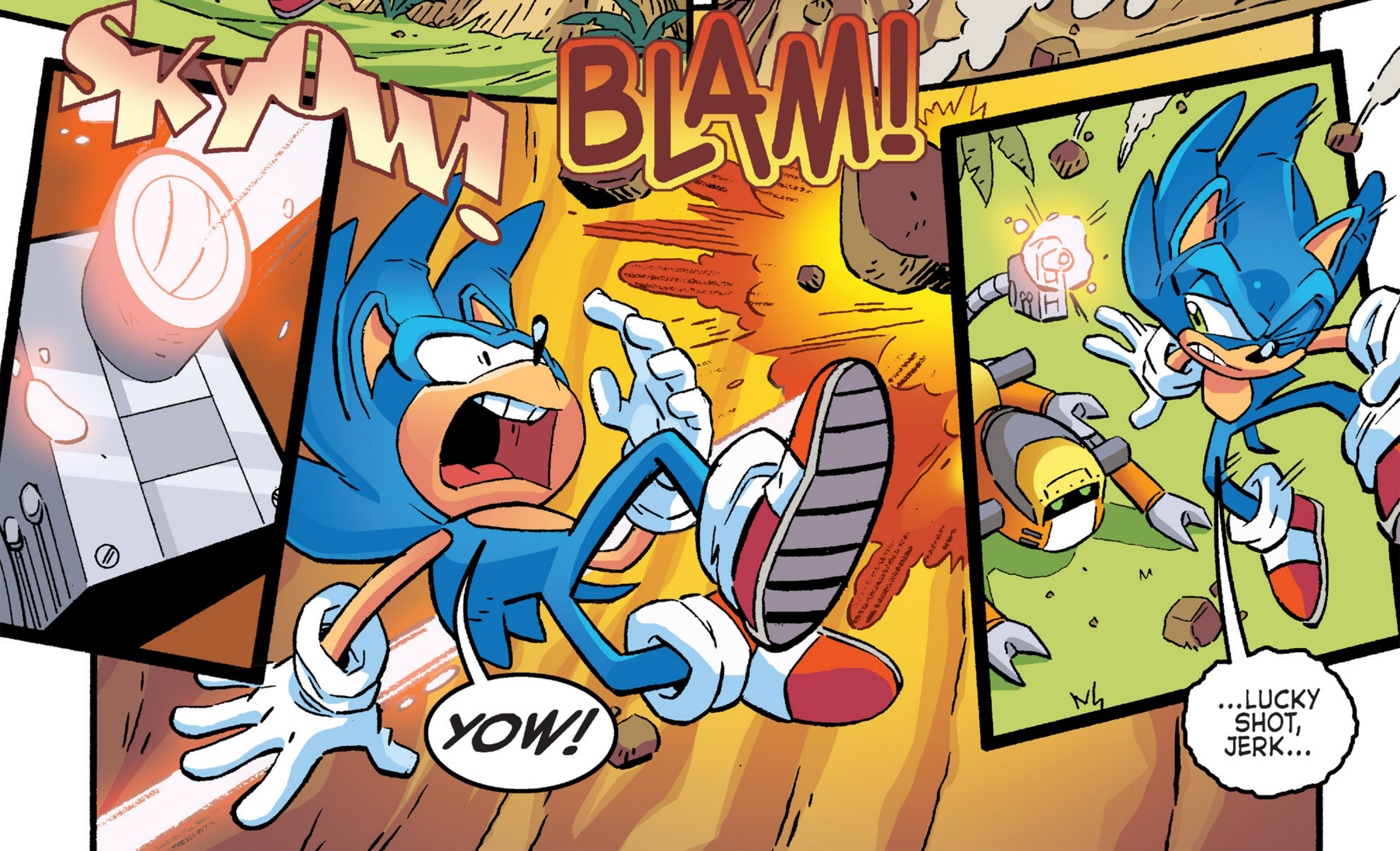


GOTTA HAND IT TO THE DOC--HIS E-100 BOTS ALWAYS GIVE ME A WORKOUT...*

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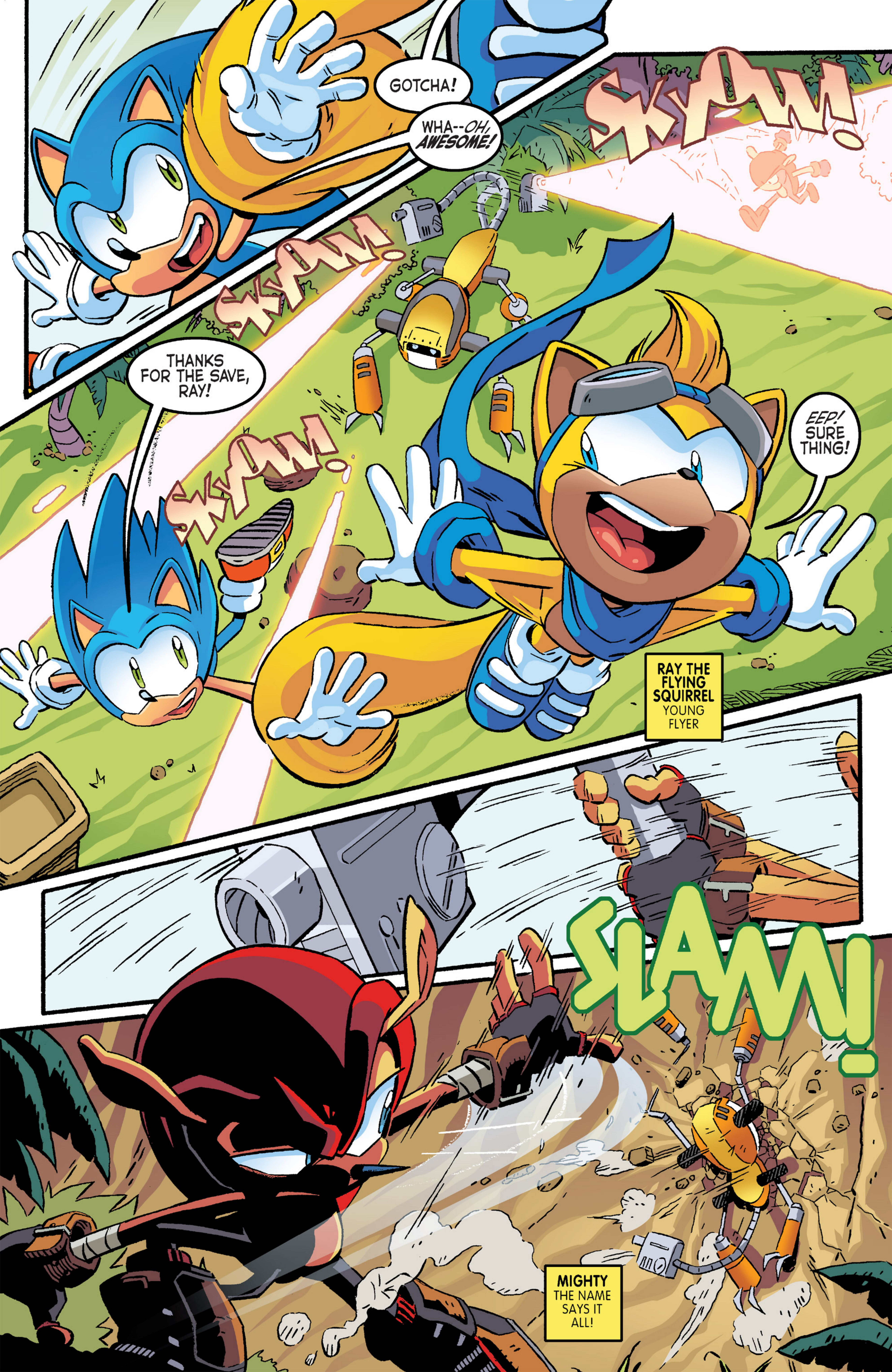
...BUT I'VE NEVER TECHNICALLY *LOST* TO ONE YET. AND I DON'T PLAN ON CHANGING THAT!



BLAM!

YOW!

...LUCKY SHOT, JERK...



GOTCHA!

WHA--OH,
AWESOME!

SLAM!

THANKS
FOR THE SAVE,
RAY!

EEP!
SURE
THING!

RAY THE
FLYING
SQUIRREL
YOUNG
FLYER

SLAM!

MIGHTY
THE NAME
SAYS IT
ALL!

AT THE NEAREST
EGG ARMY BASE...

WHAT
HAPPENED
?!

≡GULP!≡ UM...WELL...XI
REPORTED IT WAS CLOSING
IN ON SONIC. AND THEN...
IT WENT OFFLINE.

I--I CAN SEND A
RECOVERY TEAM TO...

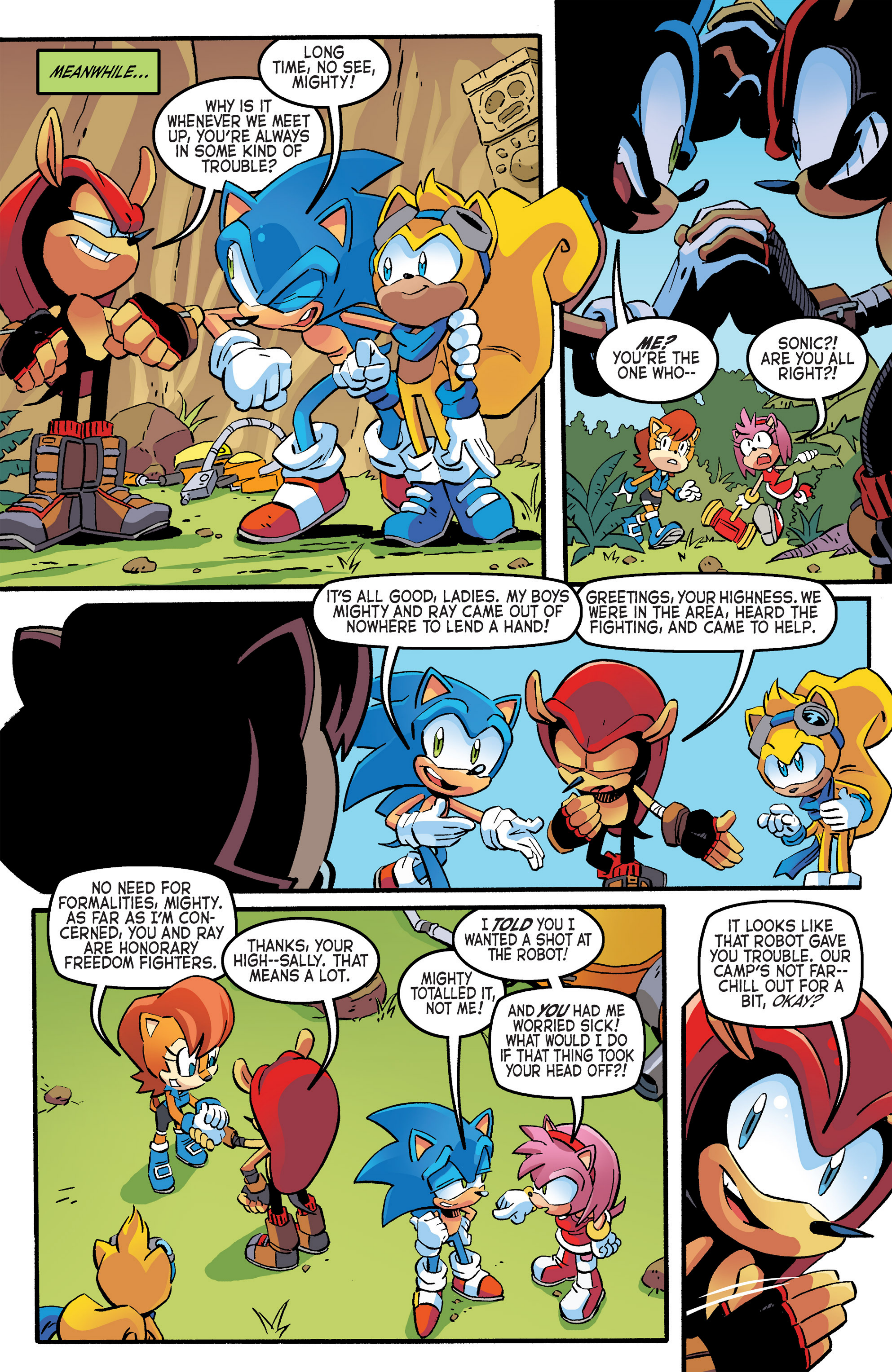
UNACCEPTABLE!

LORD EGGMAN
ENTRUSTED ONE OF HIS
PRIZED SUPER-BADNIKS
TO US! TO LOSE IT SO
QUICKLY IS A TRUE
DISGRACE!

E-EGG BOSS
THUNDERBOLT,
MA'AM! PREP-
ARATIONS ARE
COMPLETE FOR
YOUR PLAN!

LORD
EGGMAN'S
PLAN! WE
SIMPLY HAVE
THE PLEASURE
OF MAKING IT
HAPPEN!

SOON, WE WILL HAVE THE
DISTINCTION OF BEING THE EGG
ARMY UNIT THAT **DESTROYED**
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.



MEANWHILE...

WHY IS IT
WHENEVER WE MEET
UP, YOU'RE ALWAYS
IN SOME KIND OF
TROUBLE?

LONG
TIME, NO SEE,
MIGHTY!

ME?
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO--

SONIC?!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

IT'S ALL GOOD, LADIES. MY BOYS
MIGHTY AND RAY CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE TO LEND A HAND!

GREETINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS. WE
WERE IN THE AREA, HEARD THE
FIGHTING, AND CAME TO HELP.

NO NEED FOR
FORMALITIES, MIGHTY.
AS FAR AS I'M CON-
CERNED, YOU AND RAY
ARE HONORARY
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

THANKS, YOUR
HIGH--SALLY. THAT
MEANS A LOT.

I *TOLD* YOU I
WANTED A SHOT AT
THE ROBOT!

MIGHTY
TOTALLED IT,
NOT ME!

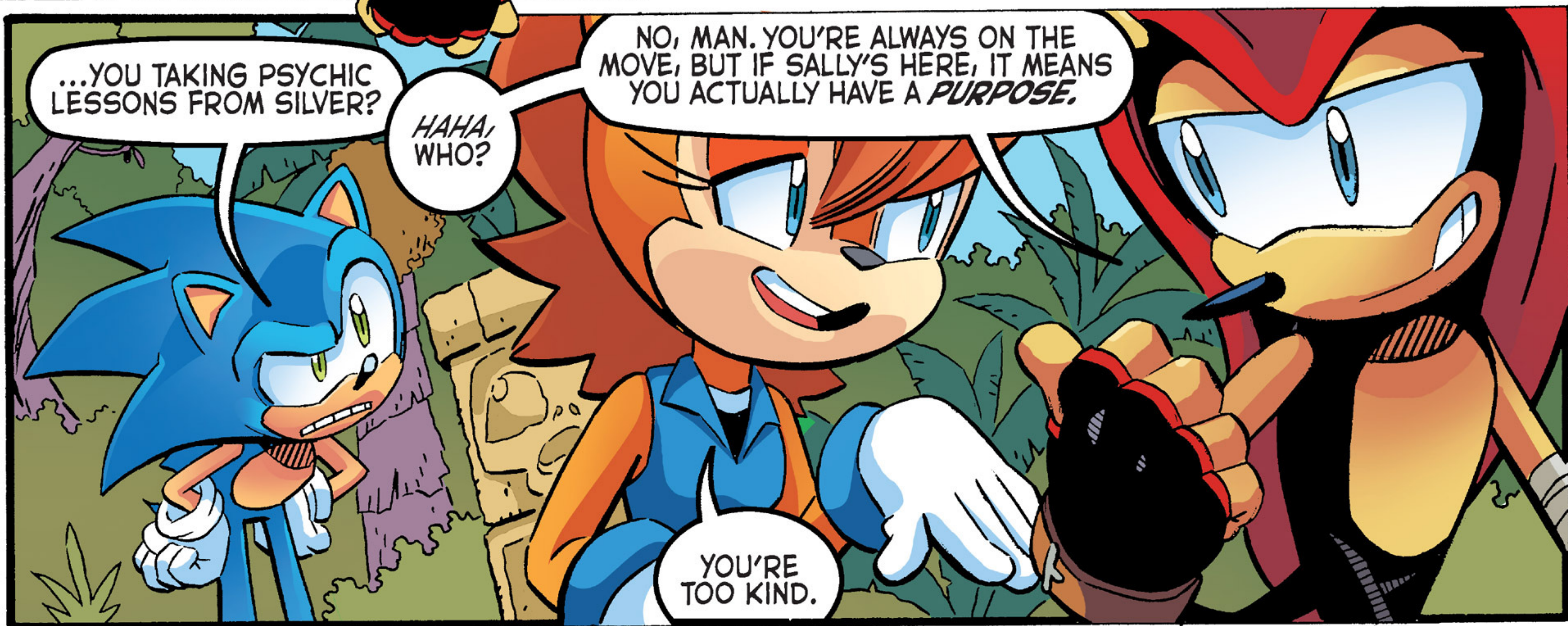
AND *YOU* HAD ME
WORRIED SICK!
WHAT WOULD I DO
IF THAT THING TOOK
YOUR HEAD OFF?!

IT LOOKS LIKE
THAT ROBOT GAVE
YOU TROUBLE. OUR
CAMP'S NOT FAR--
CHILL OUT FOR A
BIT, OKAY?



NO CAN DO! WE APPRECIATE THE HELP, BUT WE'RE--

TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD?

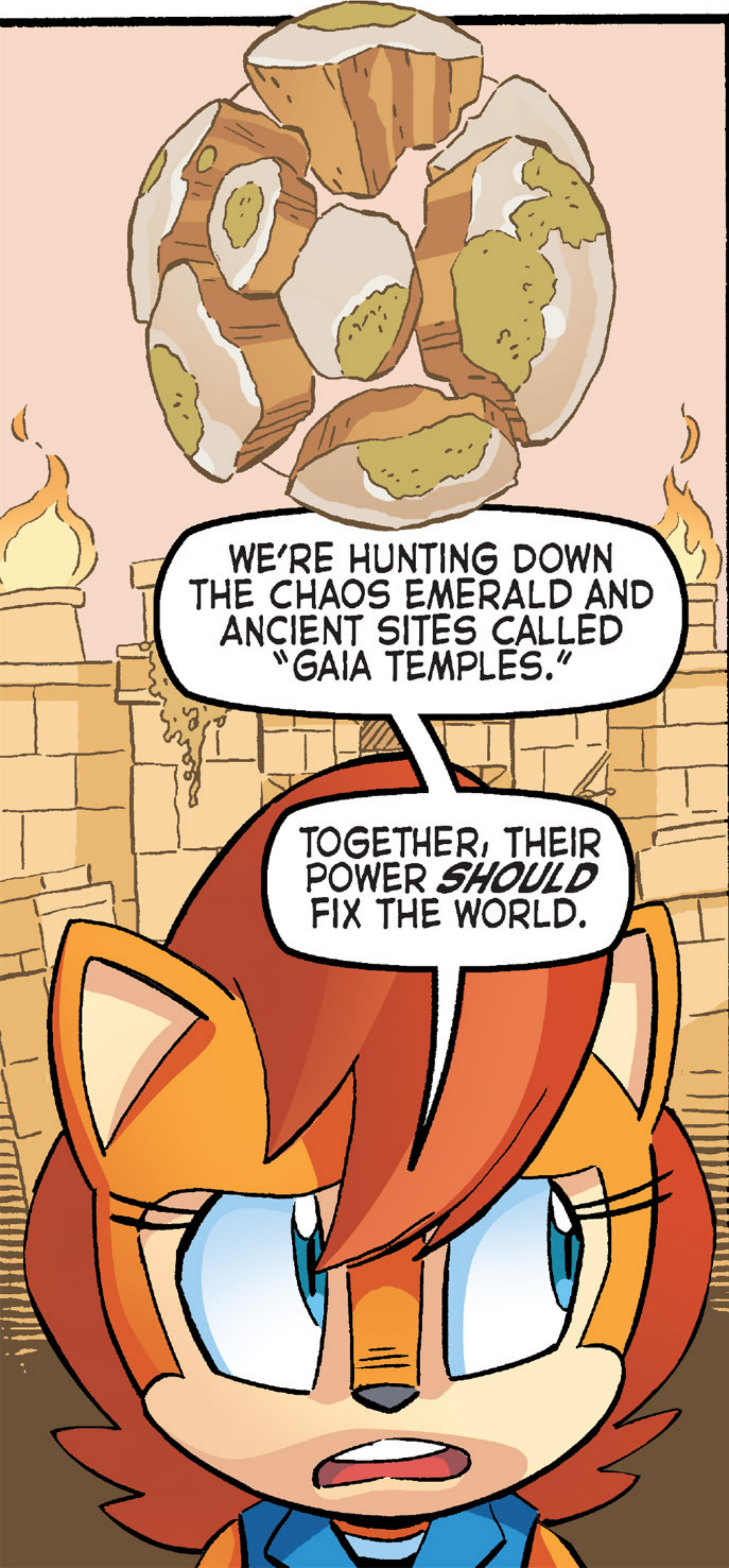


...YOU TAKING PSYCHIC LESSONS FROM SILVER?

HAHA, WHO?

NO, MAN. YOU'RE ALWAYS ON THE MOVE, BUT IF SALLY'S HERE, IT MEANS YOU ACTUALLY HAVE A *PURPOSE*.

YOU'RE TOO KIND.



WE'RE HUNTING DOWN THE CHAOS EMERALD AND ANCIENT SITES CALLED "GAIA TEMPLES."

TOGETHER, THEIR POWER *SHOULD* FIX THE WORLD.

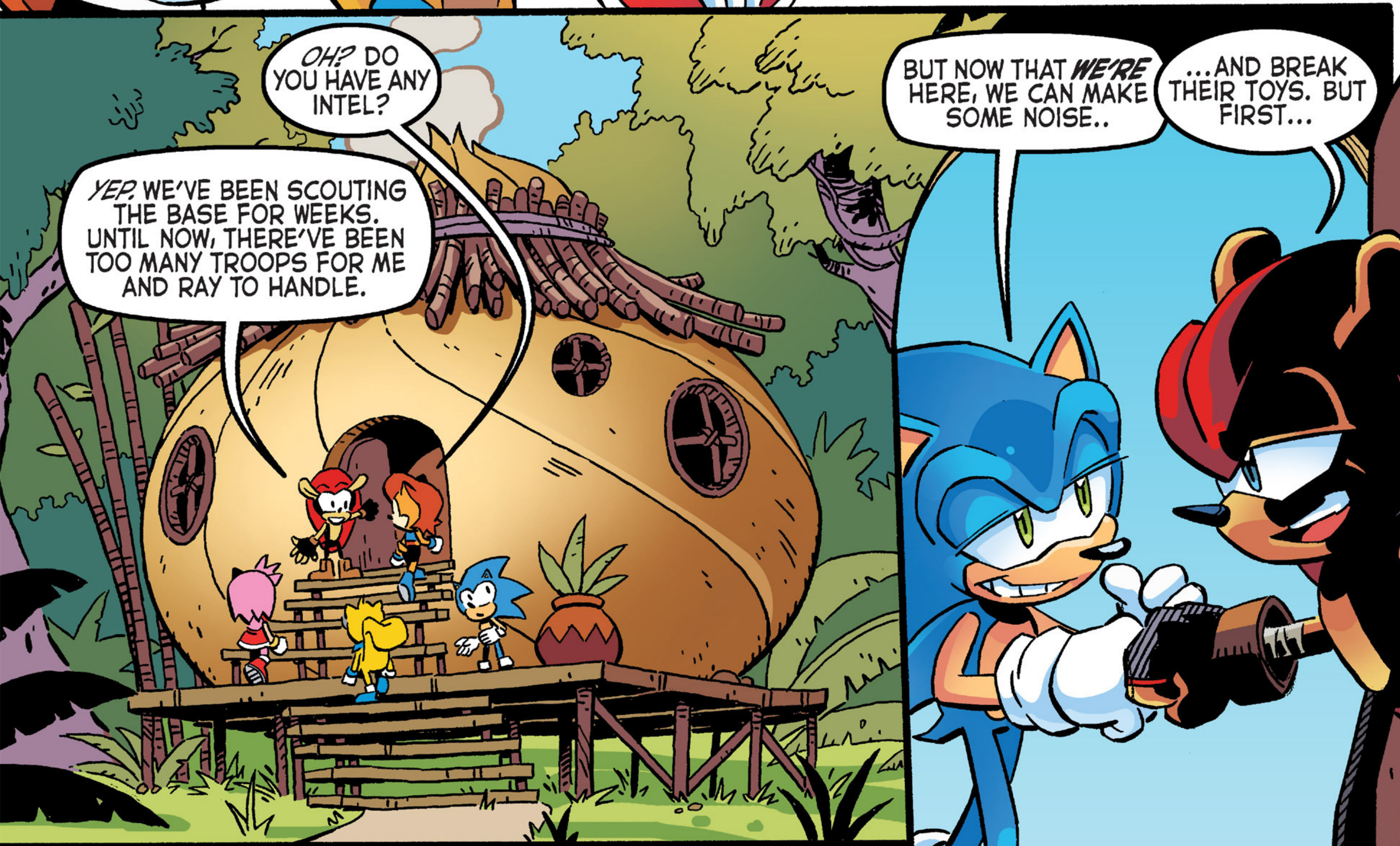
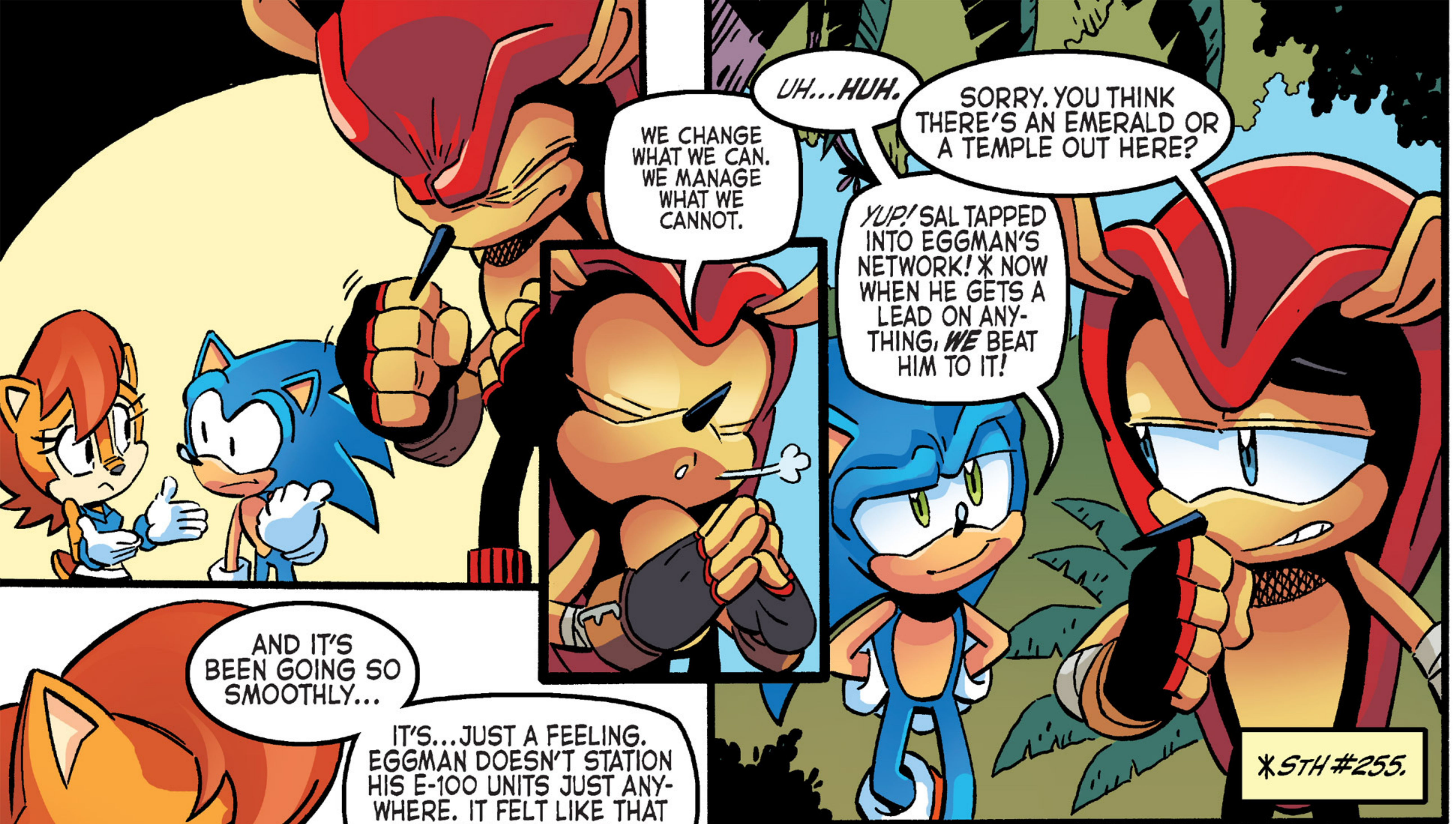


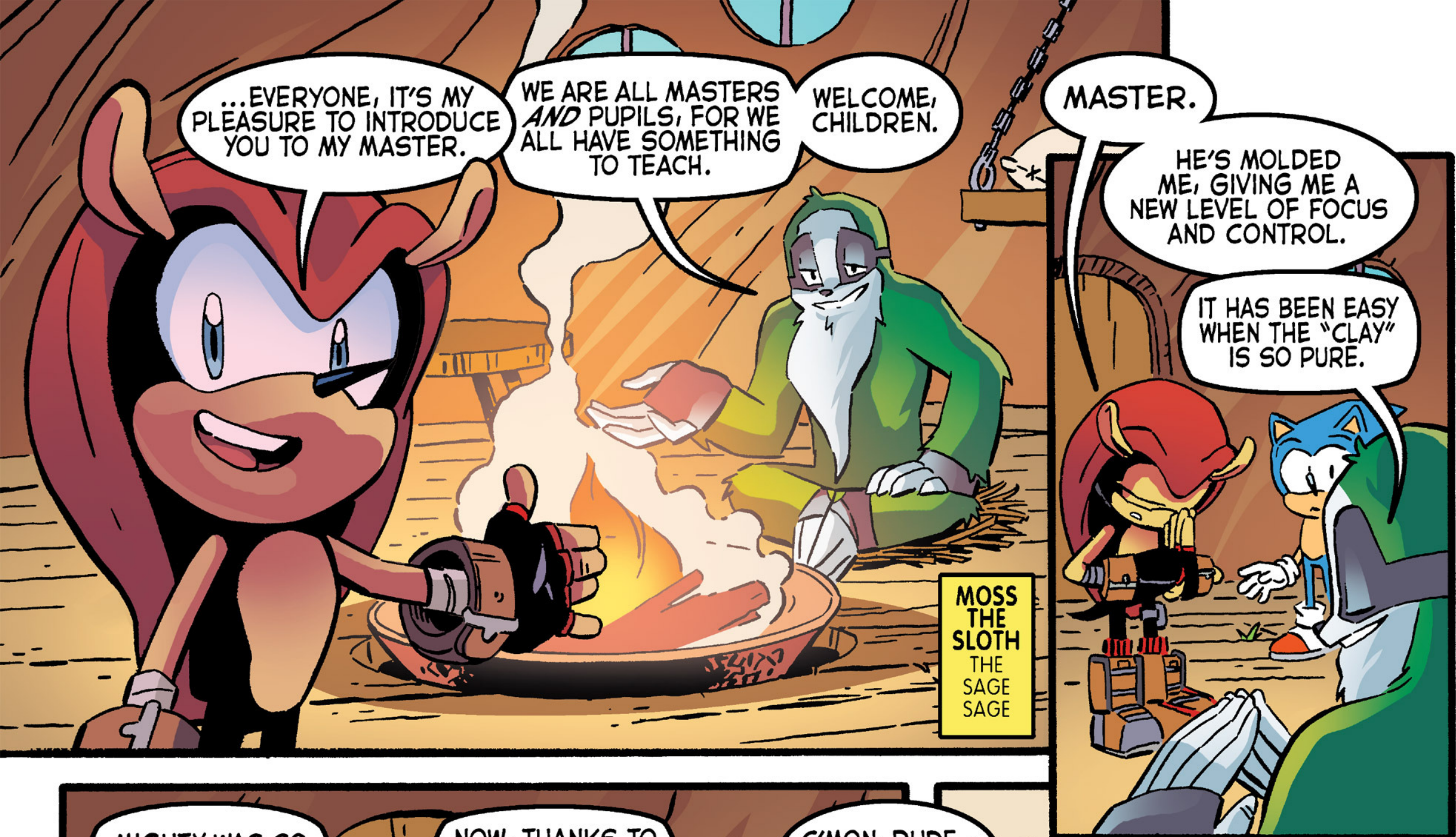
UGH... WHEN THE WORLD BROKE APART, IT WAS TERRIFYING! ENTIRE CHUNKS OF THE JUNGLE JUST... *FALLING* INTO NOTHING...



ALL MY STRENGTH ...AND I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...

MIGHTY, REMEMBER MASTER MOSS'S LESSONS.





...EVERYONE, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY MASTER.

WE ARE ALL MASTERS *AND* PUPILS, FOR WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH.

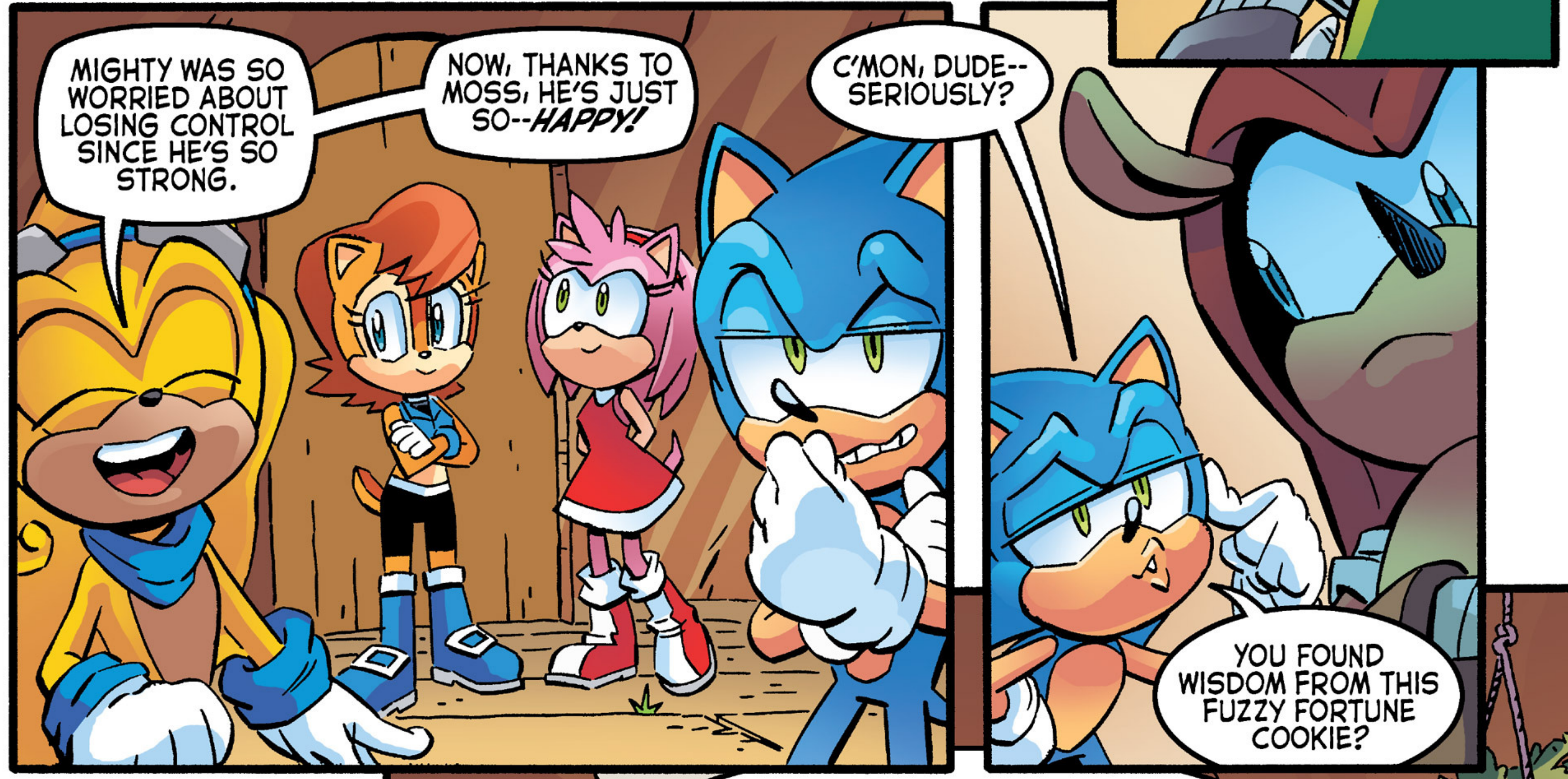
WELCOME, CHILDREN.

MASTER.

HE'S MOLDED ME, GIVING ME A NEW LEVEL OF FOCUS AND CONTROL.

IT HAS BEEN EASY WHEN THE "CLAY" IS SO PURE.

MOSS THE SLOTH
THE SAGE SAGE

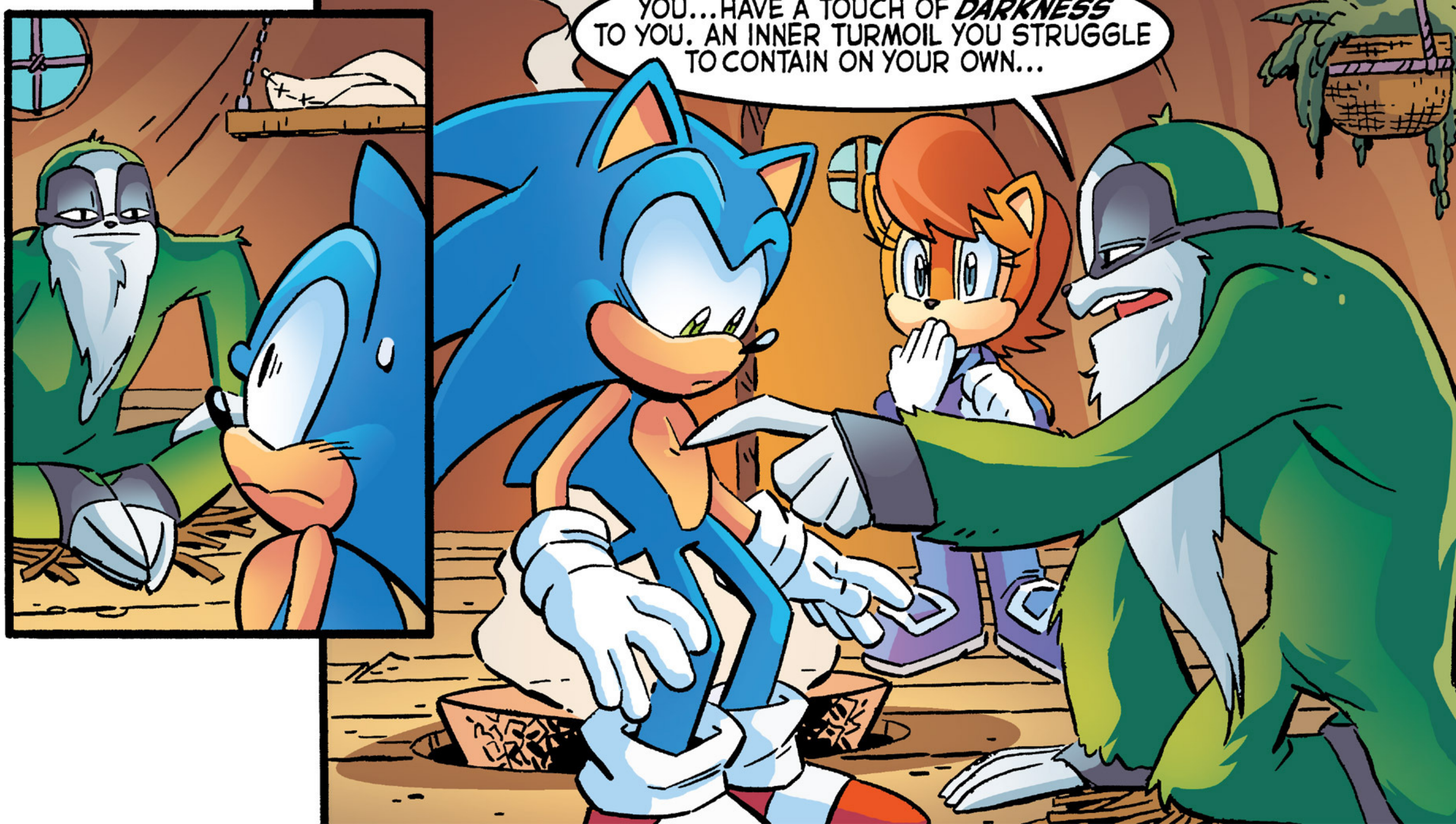


MIGHTY WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT LOSING CONTROL SINCE HE'S SO STRONG.

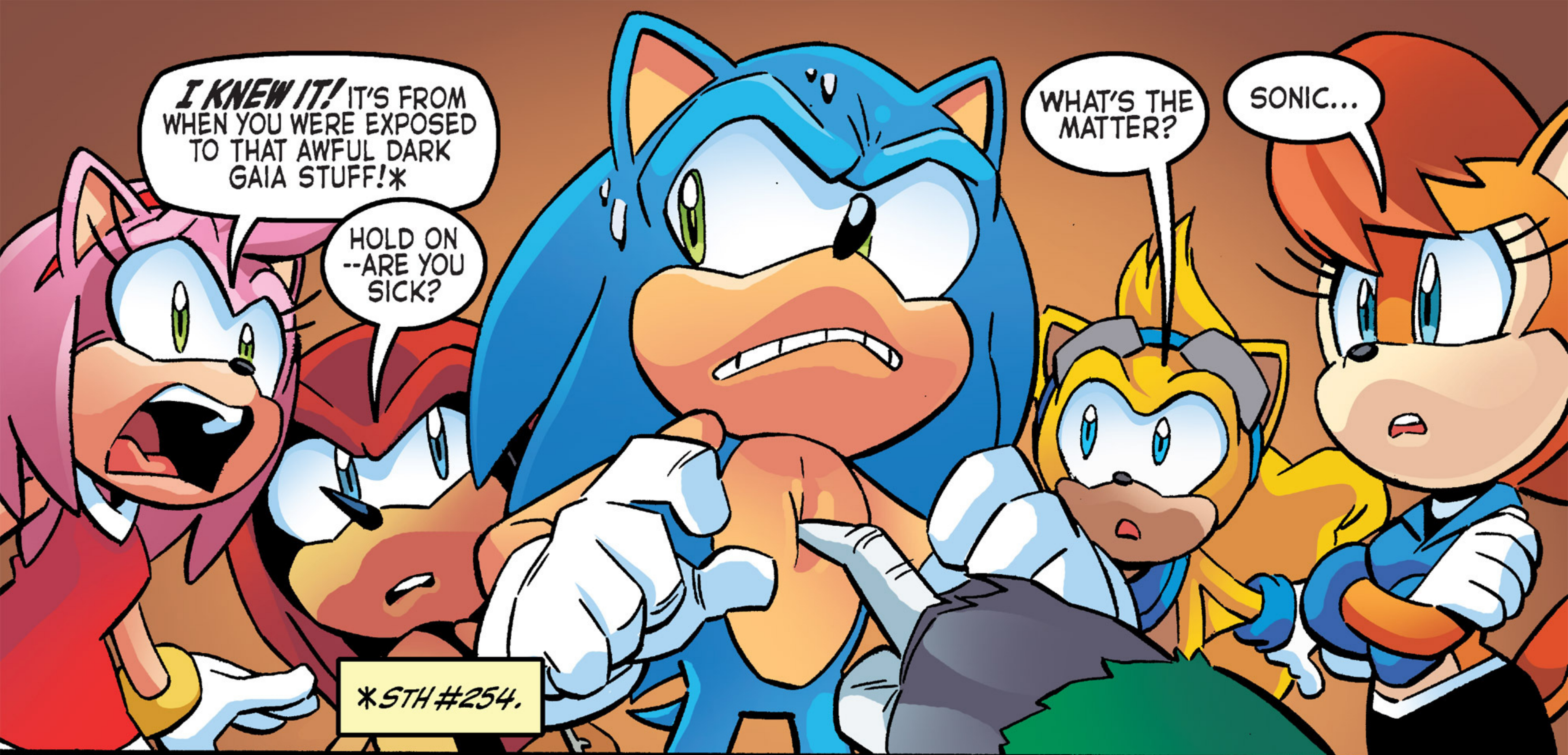
NOW, THANKS TO MOSS, HE'S JUST SO--*HAPPY!*

C'MON, DUDE--SERIOUSLY?

YOU FOUND WISDOM FROM THIS FUZZY FORTUNE COOKIE?



YOU...HAVE A TOUCH OF *DARKNESS* TO YOU. AN INNER TURMOIL YOU STRUGGLE TO CONTAIN ON YOUR OWN...



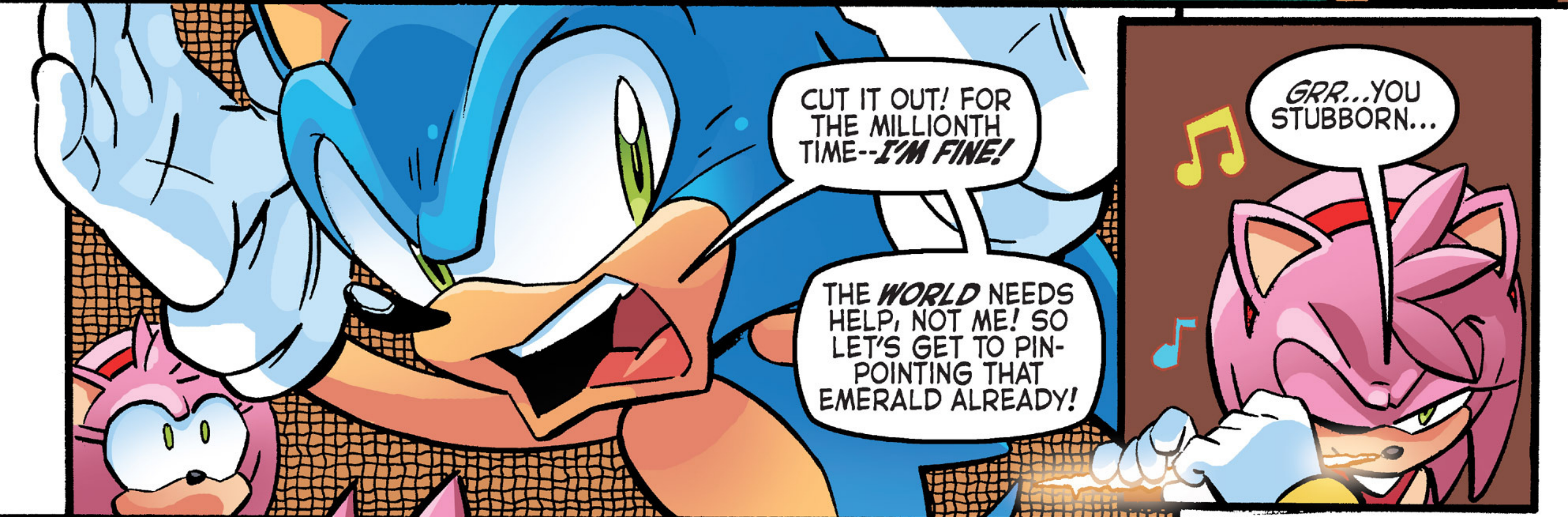
I KNEW IT! IT'S FROM WHEN YOU WERE EXPOSED TO THAT AWFUL DARK GAIA STUFF!*

HOLD ON --ARE YOU SICK?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

SONIC...

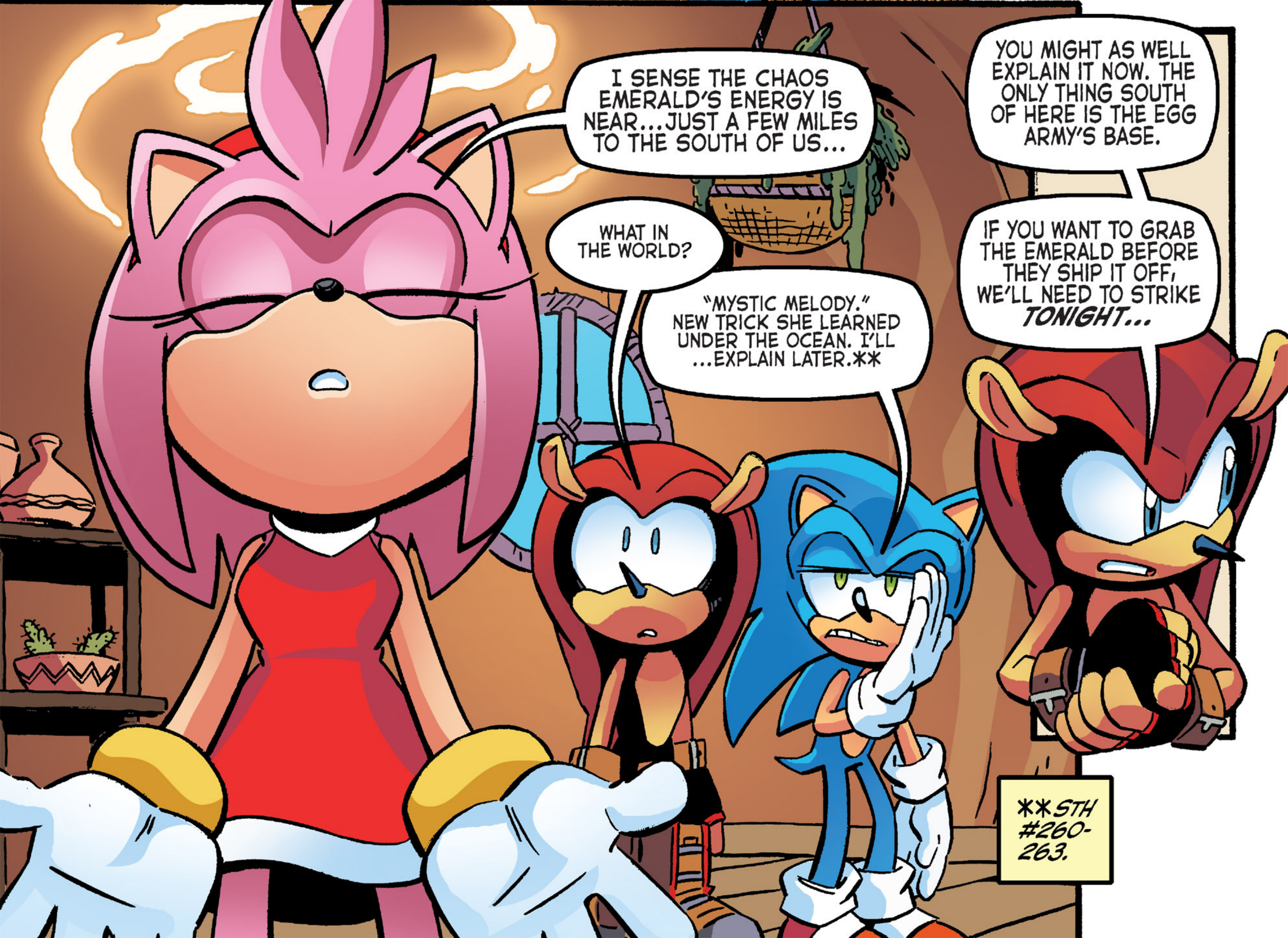
*STH#254.



CUT IT OUT! FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME--**I'M FINE!**

THE **WORLD** NEEDS HELP, NOT ME! SO LET'S GET TO PIN-POINTING THAT EMERALD ALREADY!

GRR...YOU STUBBORN...



I SENSE THE CHAOS EMERALD'S ENERGY IS NEAR...JUST A FEW MILES TO THE SOUTH OF US...

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

"MYSTIC MELODY." NEW TRICK SHE LEARNED UNDER THE OCEAN. I'LL ...EXPLAIN LATER.**

YOU MIGHT AS WELL EXPLAIN IT NOW. THE ONLY THING SOUTH OF HERE IS THE EGG ARMY'S BASE.

IF YOU WANT TO GRAB THE EMERALD BEFORE THEY SHIP IT OFF, WE'LL NEED TO STRIKE **TONIGHT...**

**STH#260-263.



"...AND MONSTERS
COME OUT IN THE
DARK. SO REST UP."

THAT NIGHT--
EGG ARMY
DIG SITE.



SOMETHING'S WRONG.
SECURITY IS TOO LIGHT...

'CAUSE WE ALREADY
TOOK OUT THE SUPER-
BADNIK!

BUT THEY SHOULD
STILL BE GUARD-
ING AGAINST THE
DARK GAIA
MONSTERS!



FINE--
THEN WE'RE
AMBUSHING
THEM NOW!
WOO!

SONIC!
THAT WASN'T
THE PLAN!

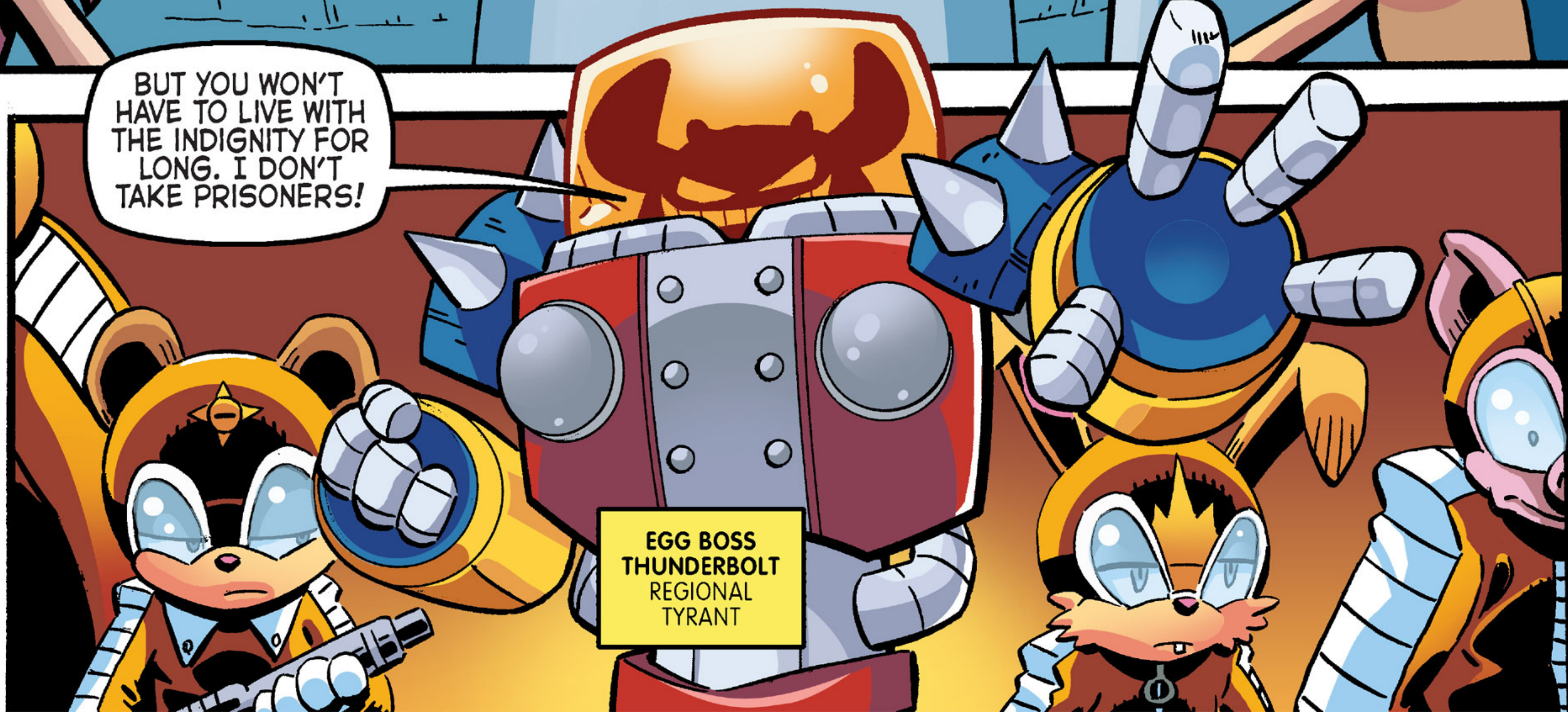
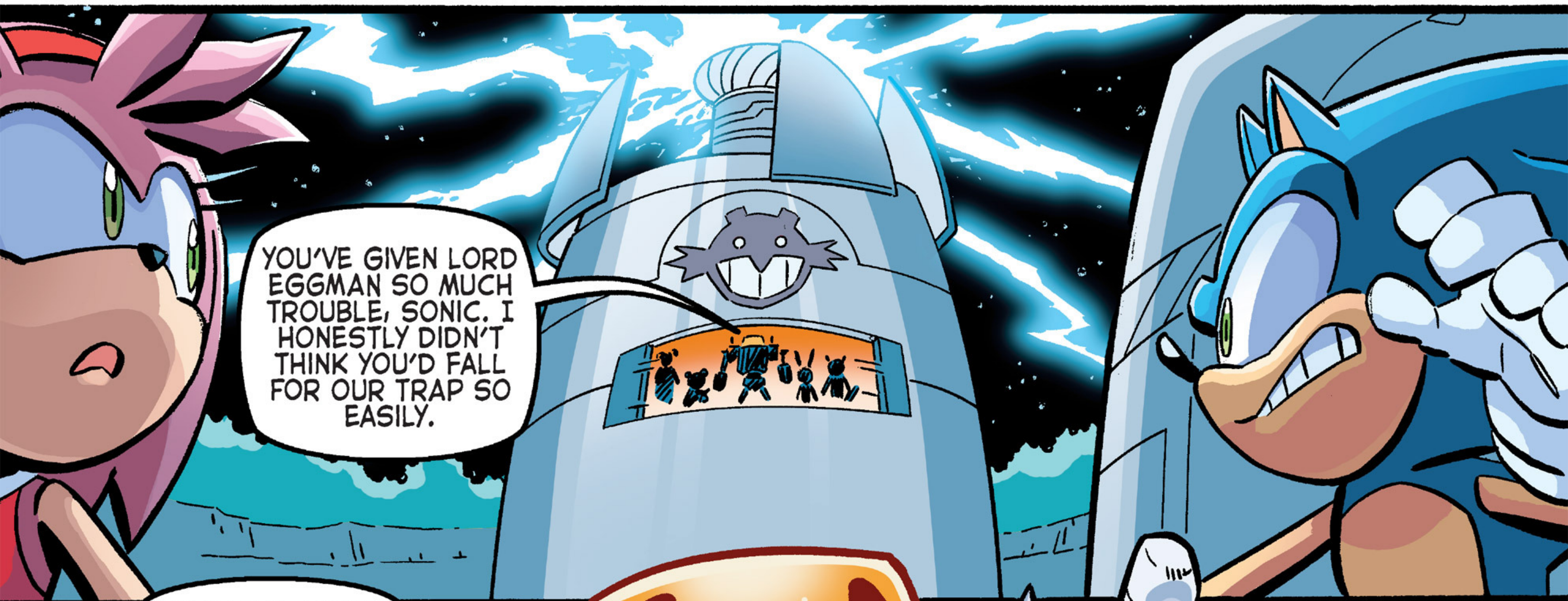
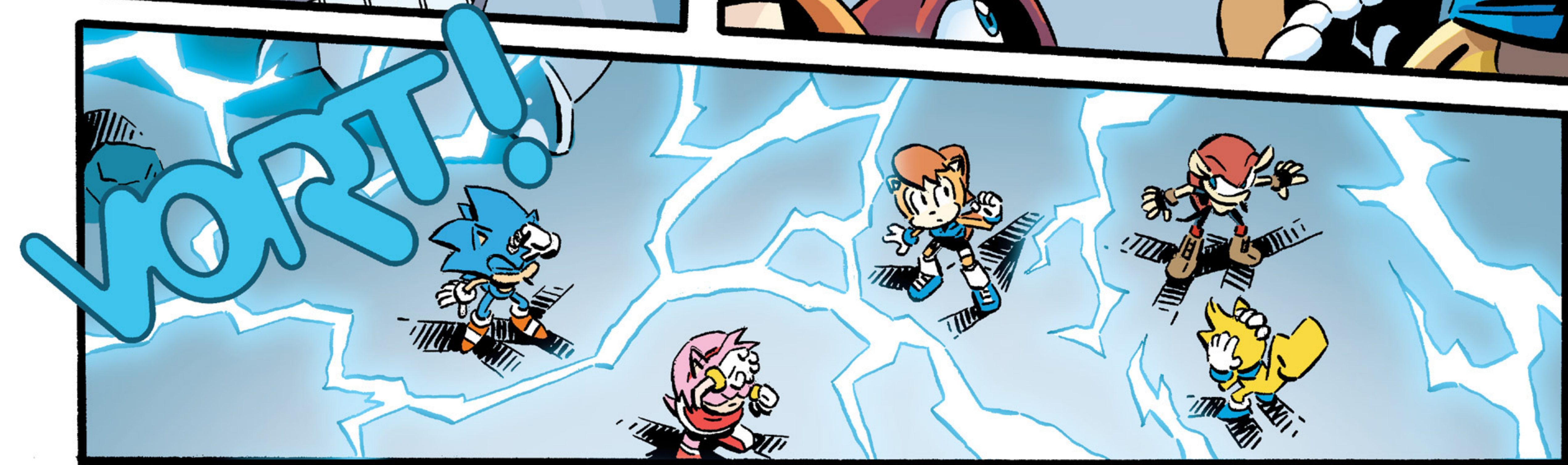
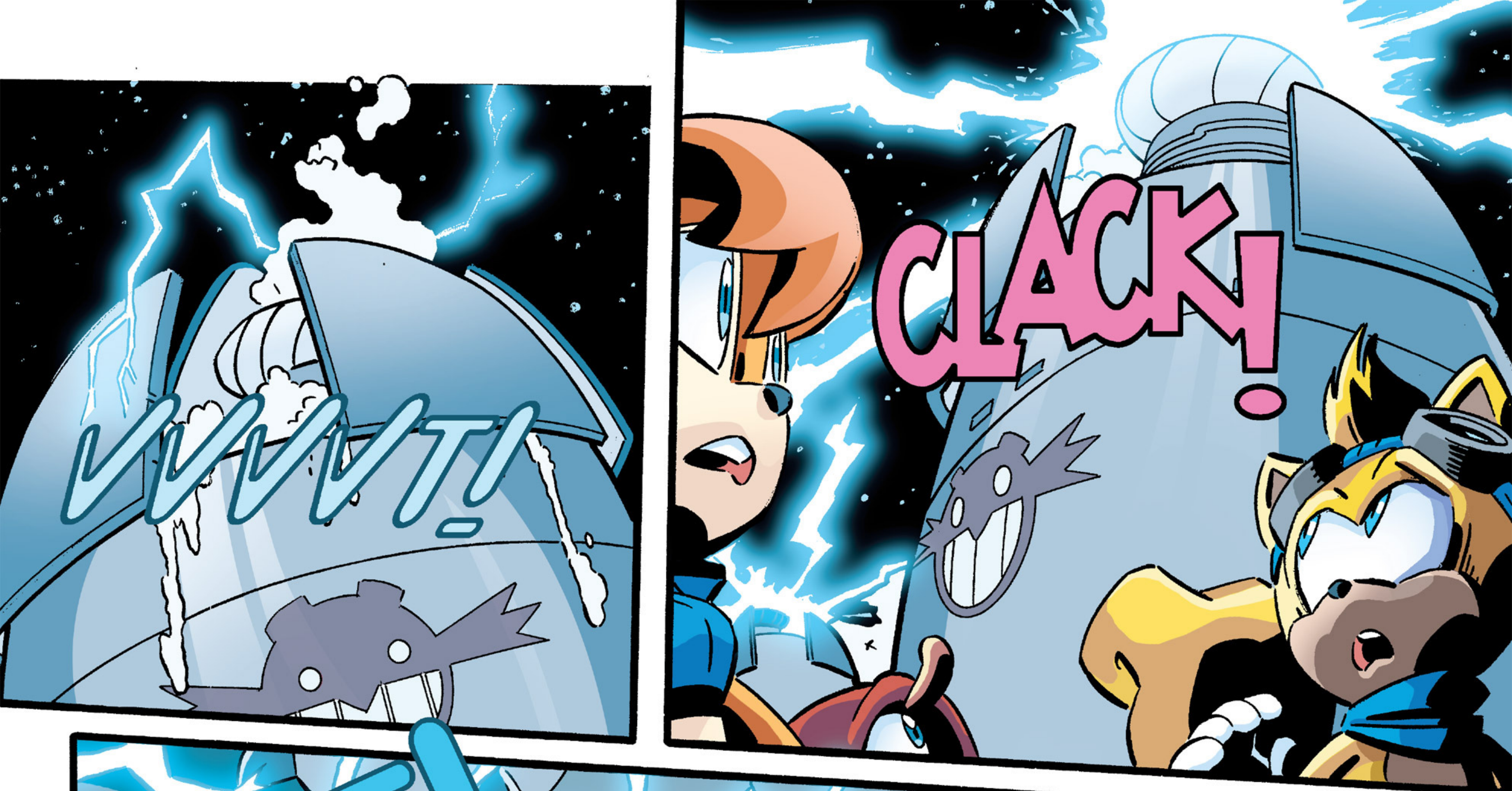


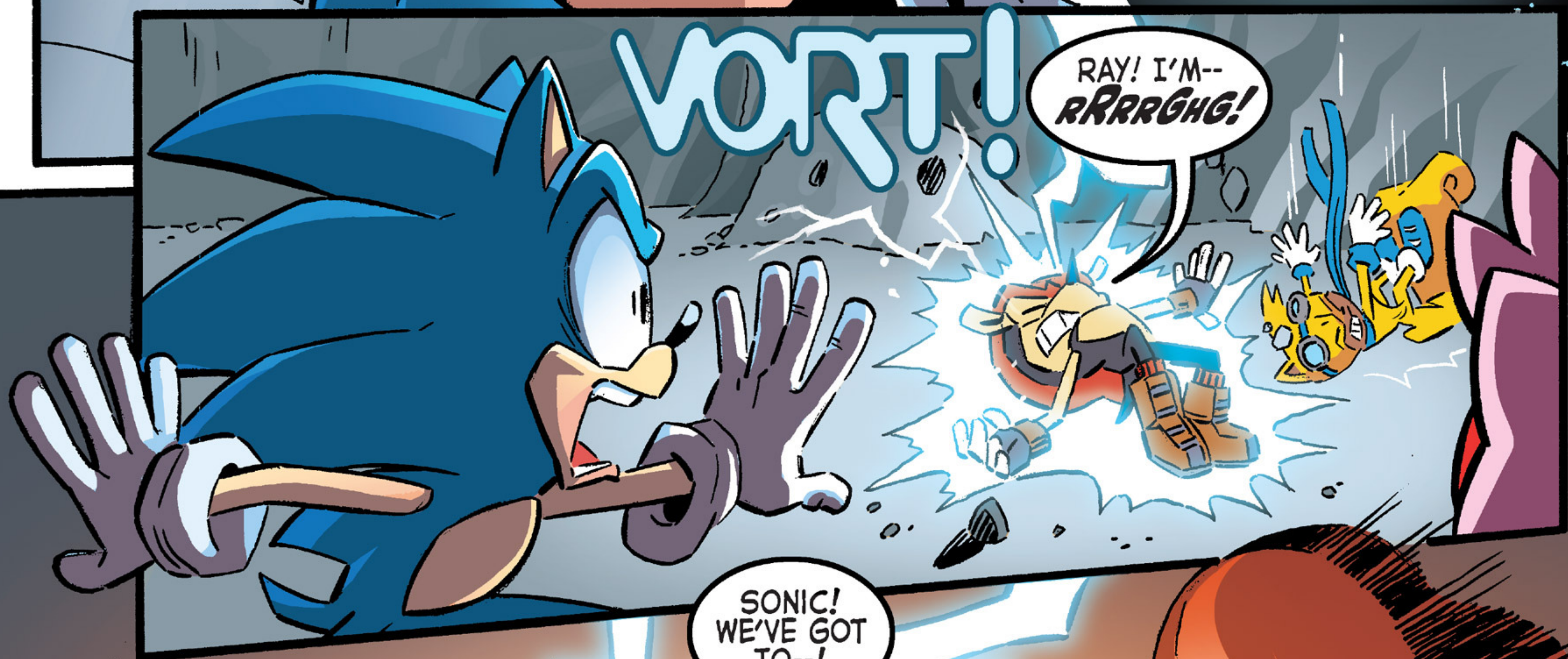
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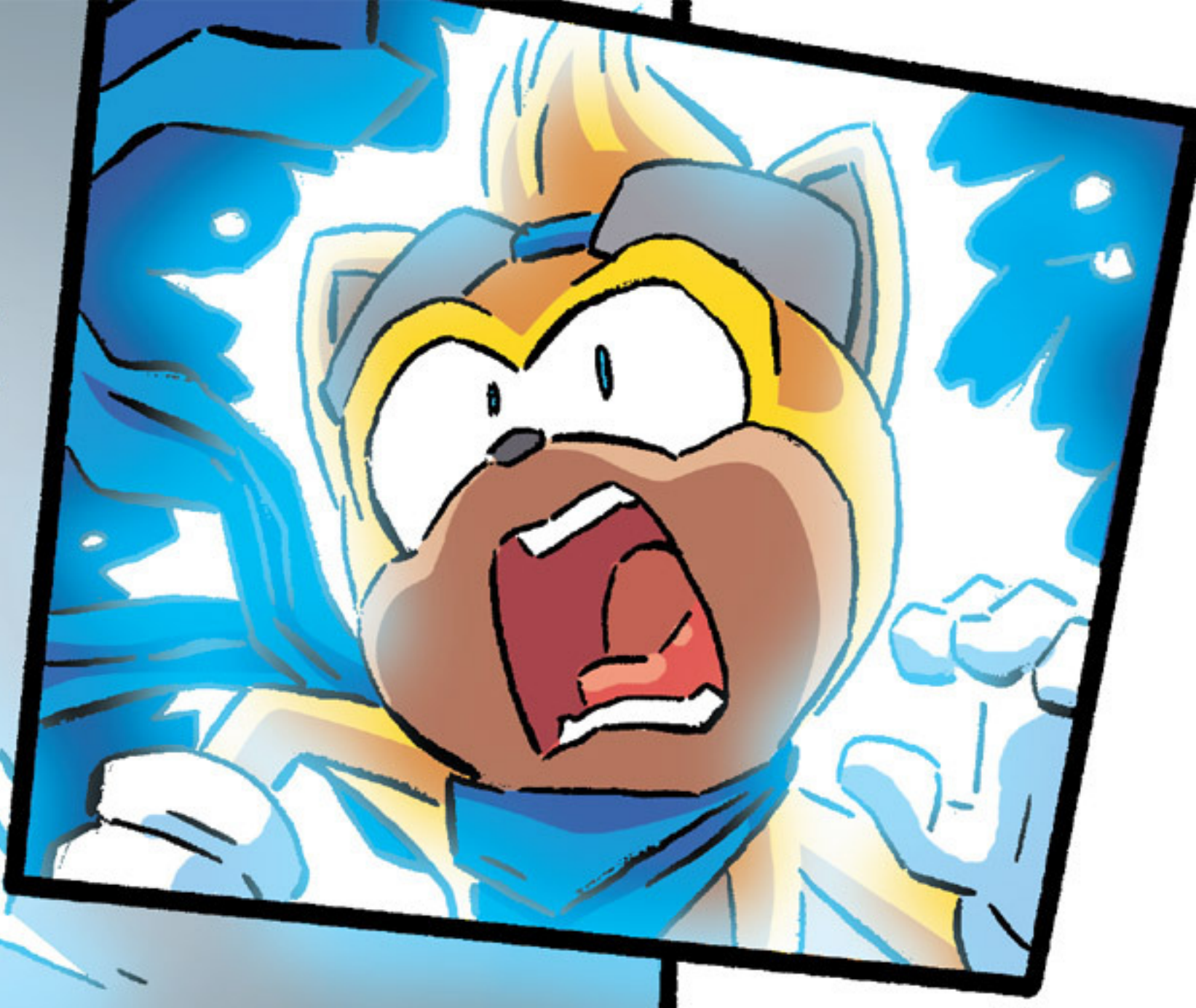
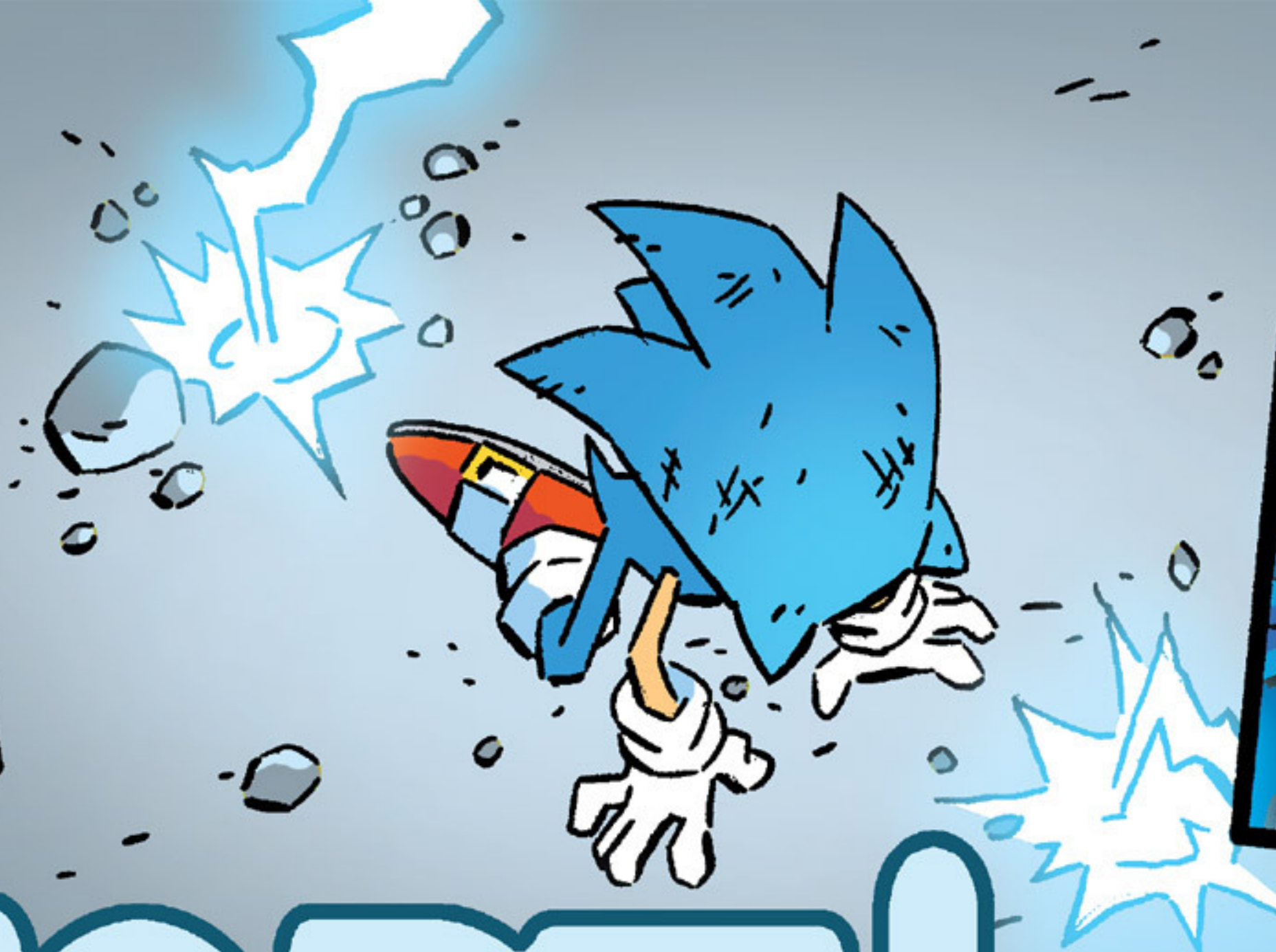
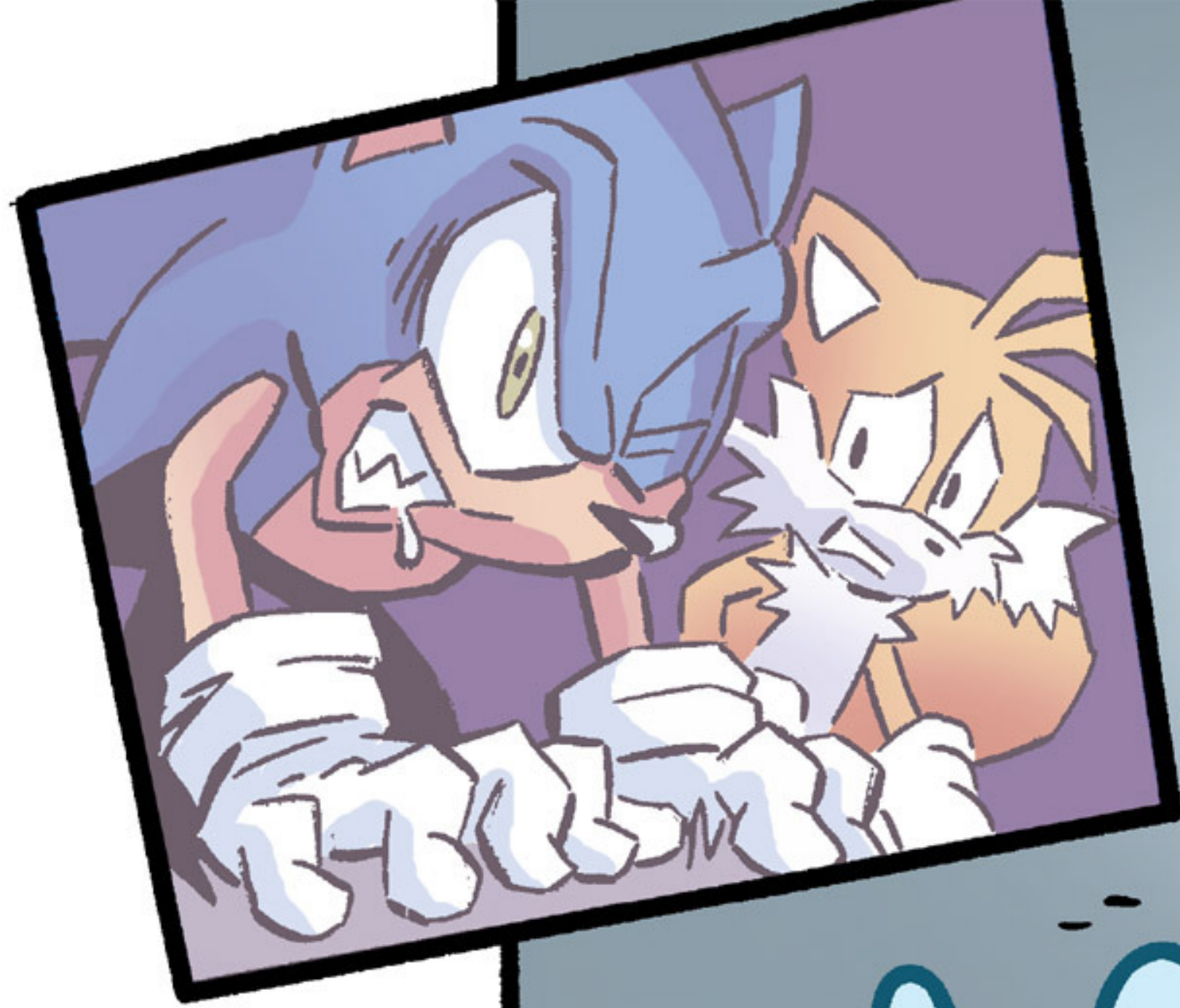
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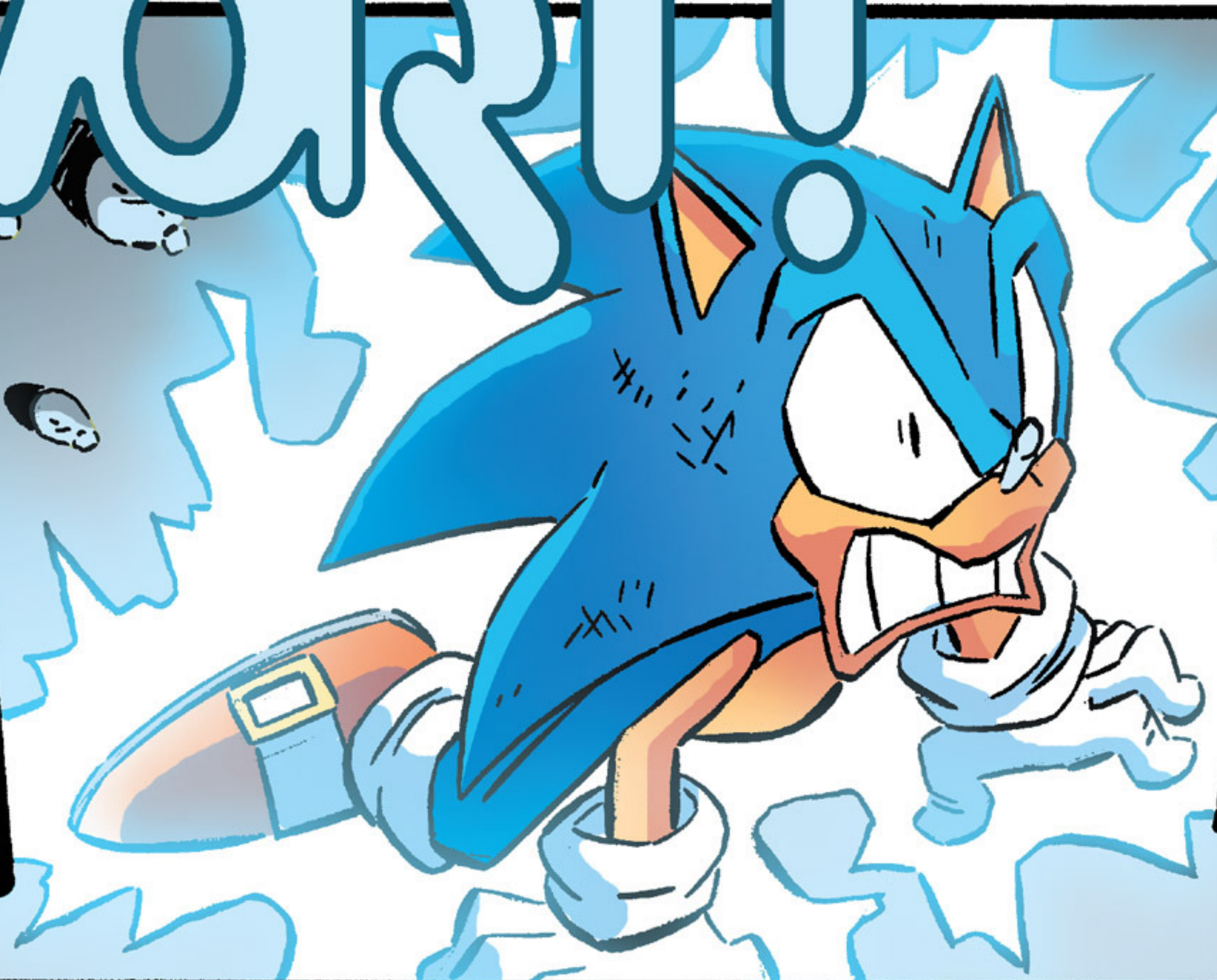
OR...THE EGG
ARMY IS ALL
ASLEEP? EITHER
WAY--WE WON. SO
LET'S GRAB THE
EMERALD AND--







WORT!



AAAAARRRR
OOOOOHHH!



NEXT
TIME:

SONIC THE WEREHOG--

UNLEASHED!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE,
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AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

HARBOR
HEIGHTS,
SOLMERCA...

ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
FIGHTIN'
FRENCHMAN

IT'S INCREDIBLY FAINT AND
HARD TO PINPOINT, BUT I
ZINK ZIS IS WHERE ZEE
CHAOS EMERALD ENERGY
SIGNATURE LEADS!

BUNNIE
"RABBOT"
D'COOLETTE
ROBOT
RABBIT
WARRIOR

ANY ENERGY
SIGNATURE IS WORTH
CHECKIN' INTO IF IT
MEANS WE CAN SAVE
THE WORLD.

SPEAKING OF SAVING
ZEE WORLD, IT LOOKS
LIKE ZEESE PEOPLE
NEED OUR HELP!

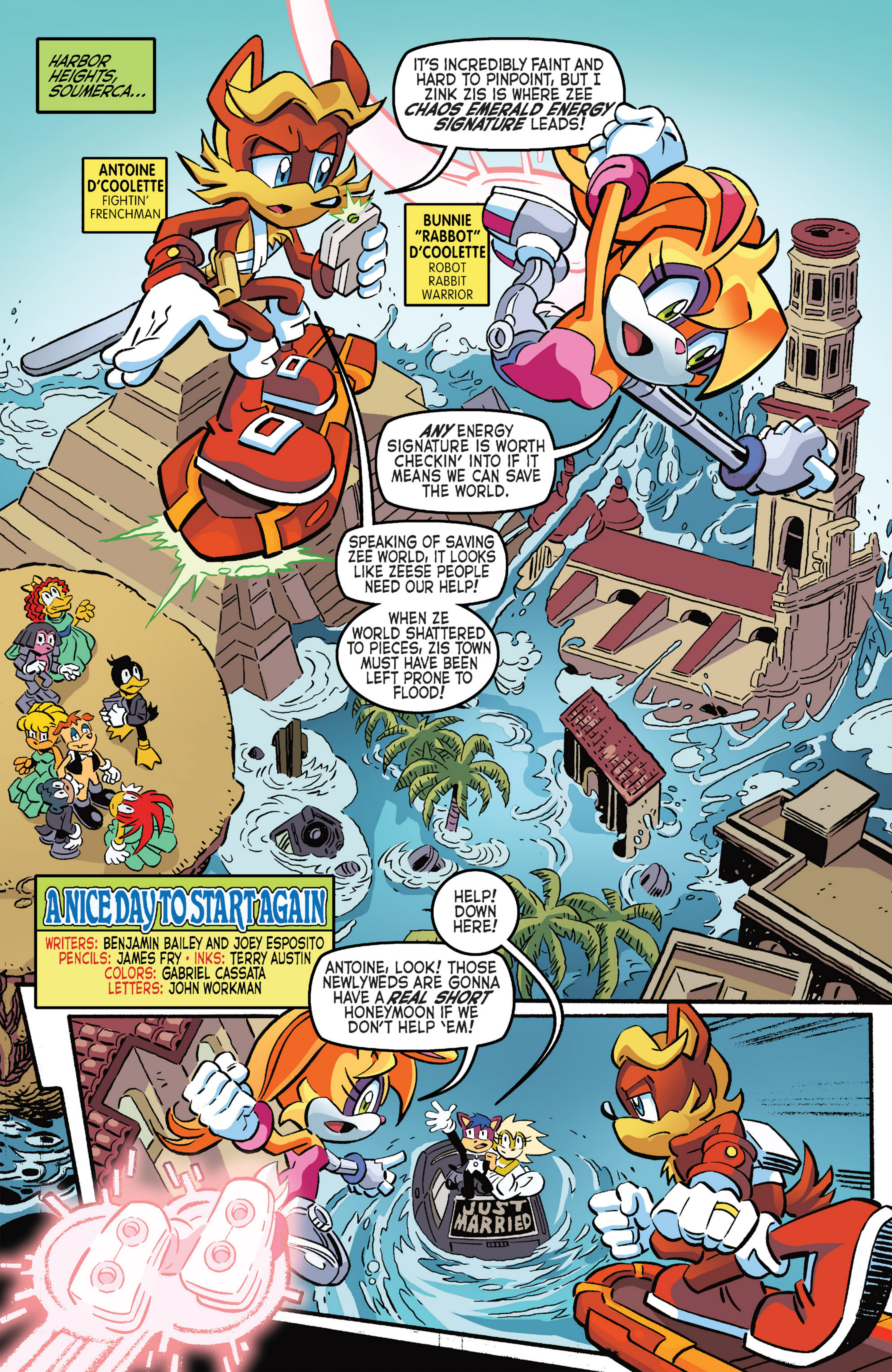
WHEN ZE
WORLD SHATTERED
TO PIECES, ZIS TOWN
MUST HAVE BEEN
LEFT PRONE TO
FLOOD!

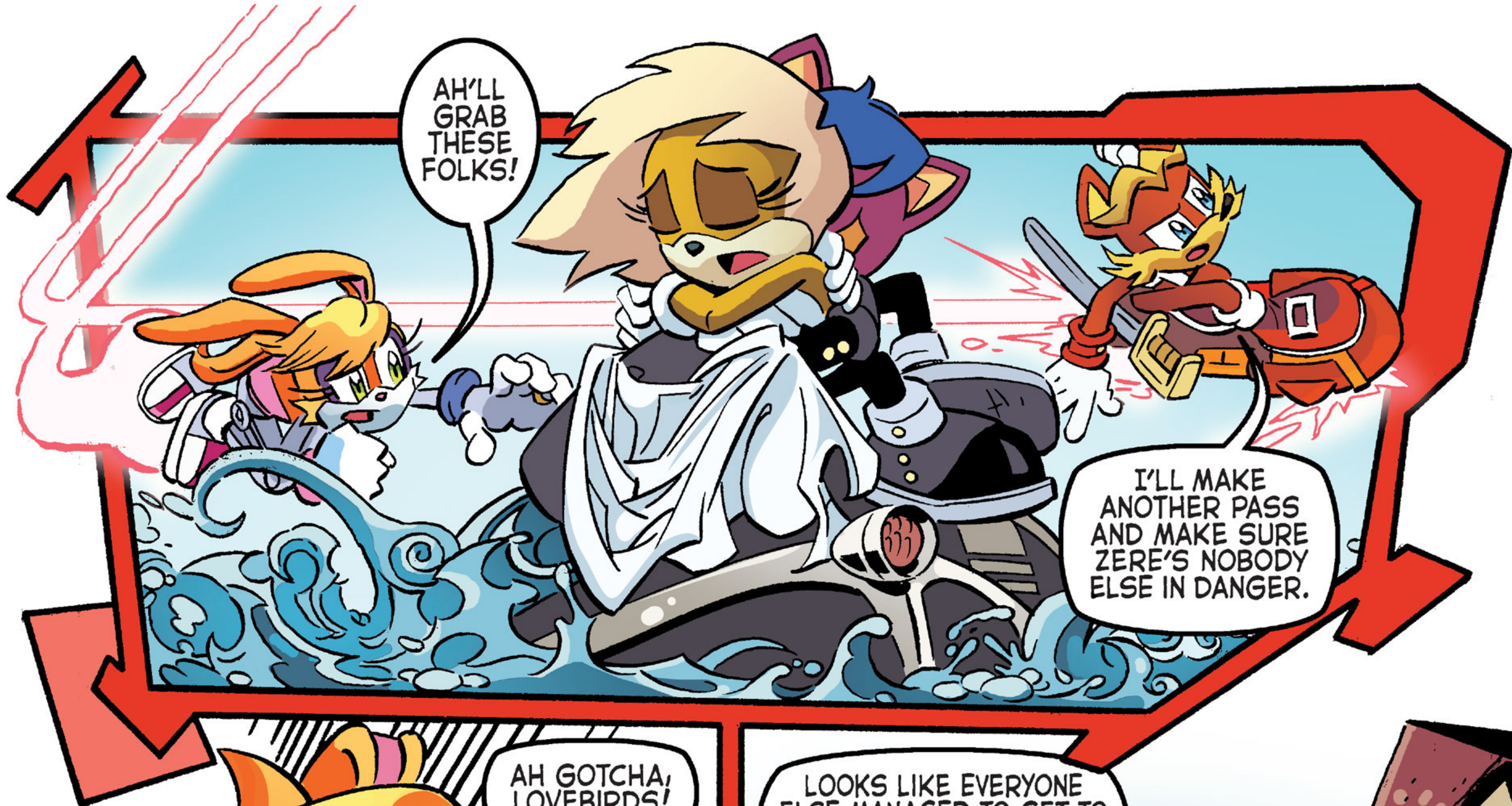
HELP!
DOWN
HERE!

ANTOINE, LOOK! THOSE
NEWLYWEDS ARE GONNA
HAVE A **REAL SHORT**
HONEYMOON IF WE
DON'T HELP 'EM!

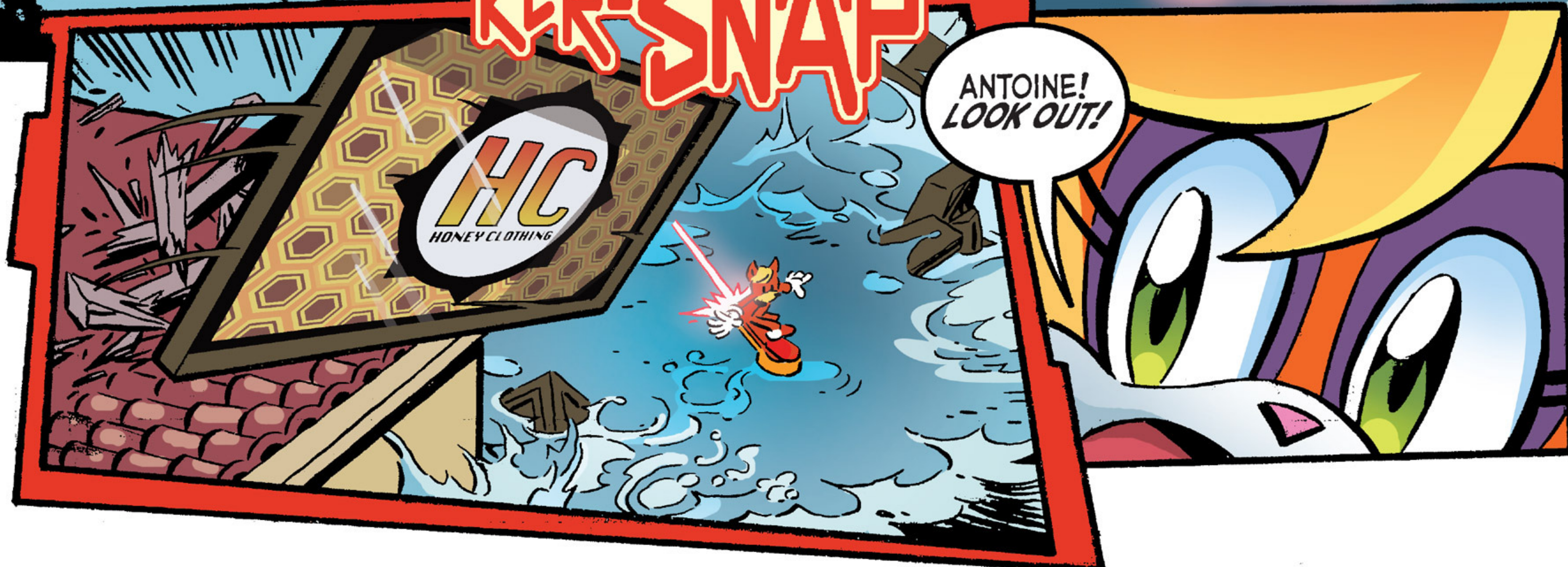
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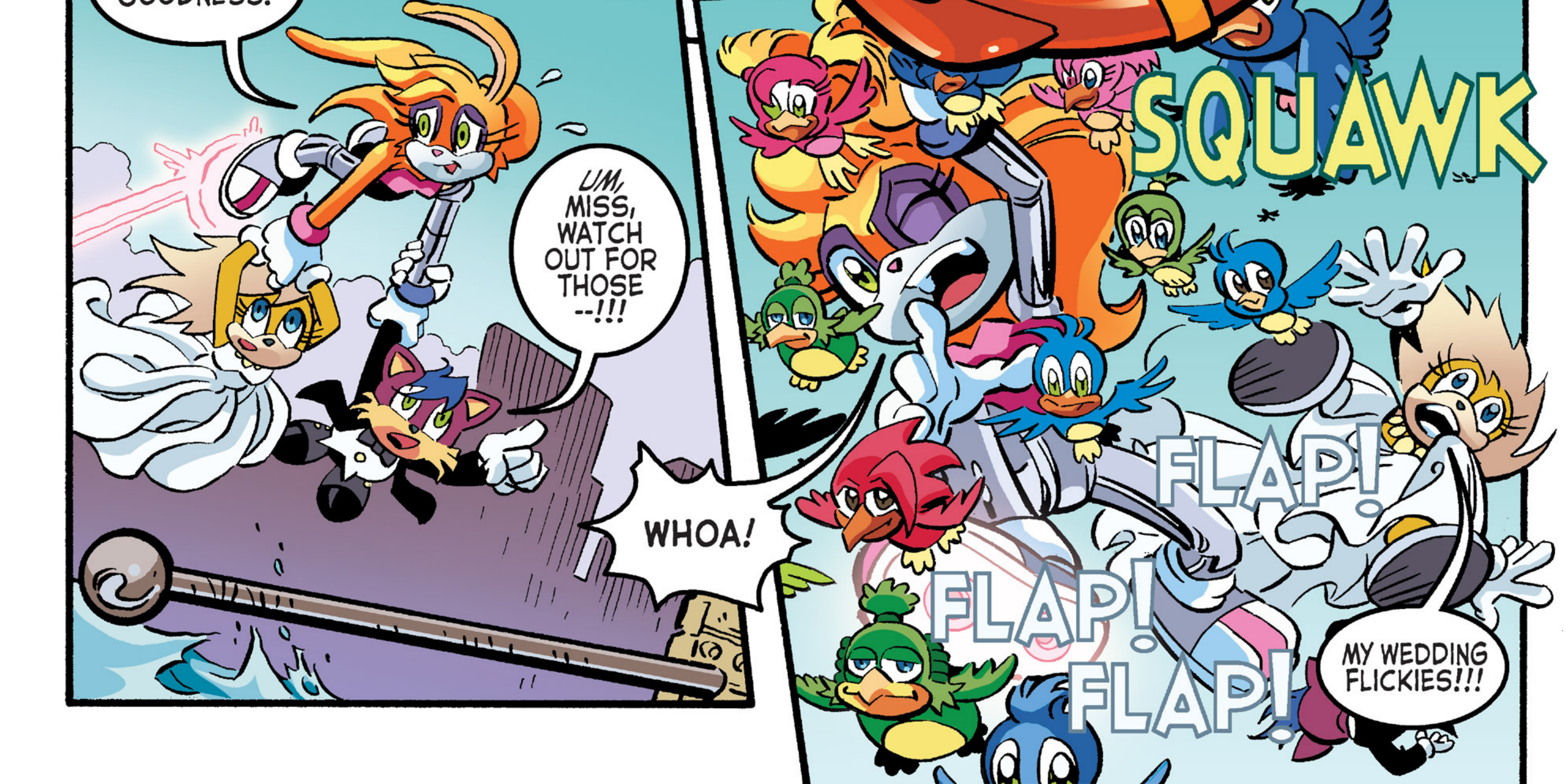
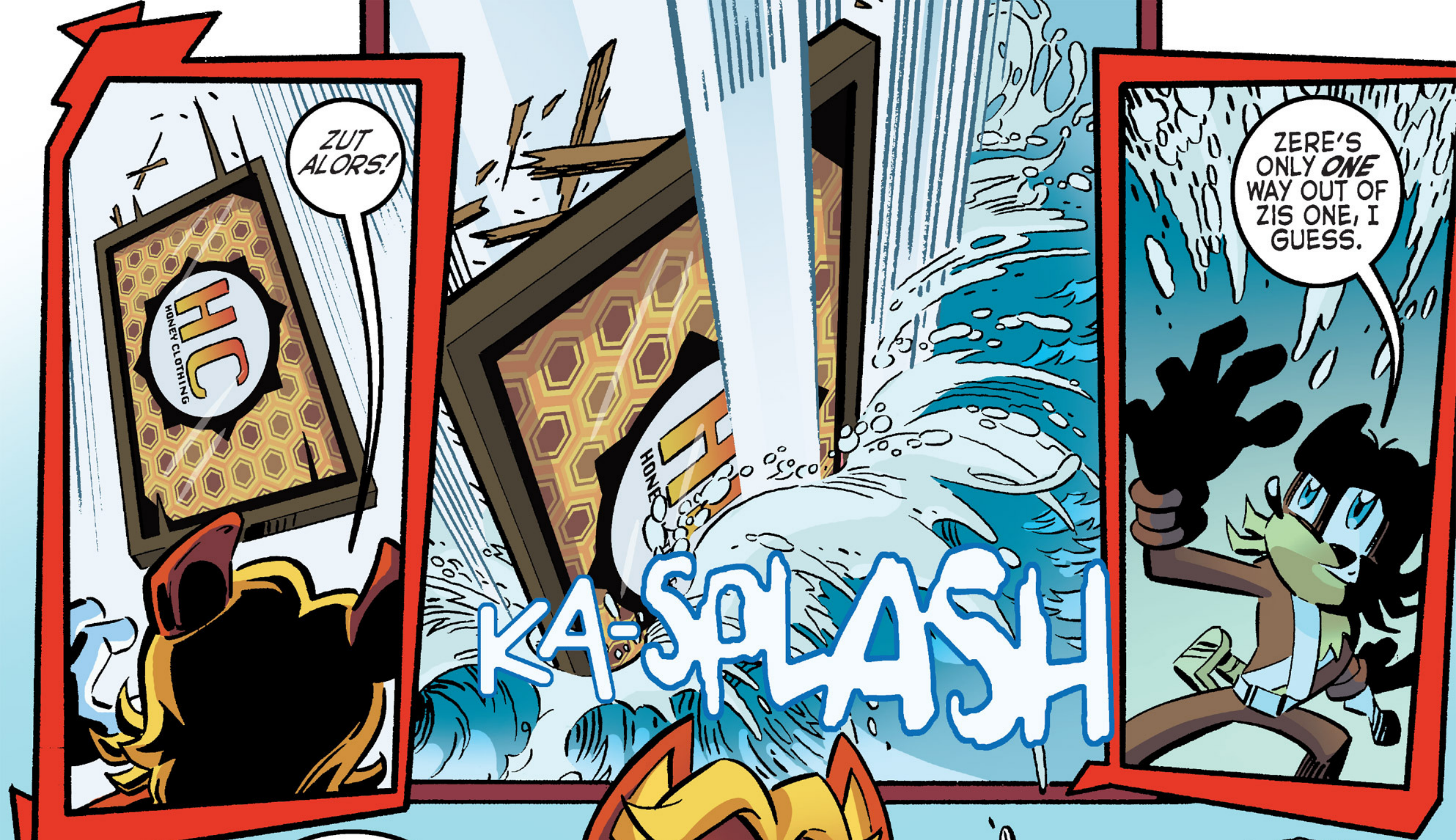
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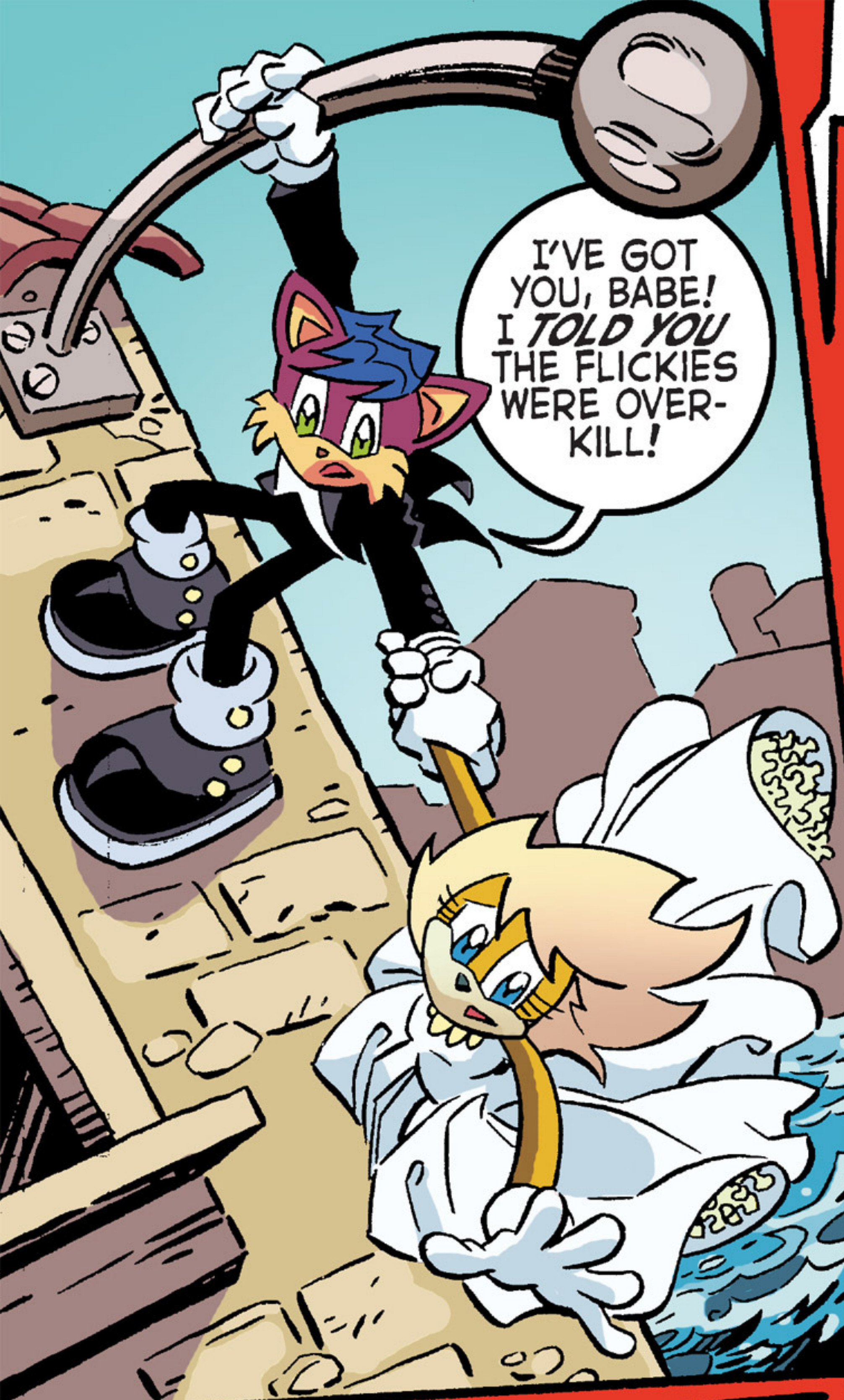




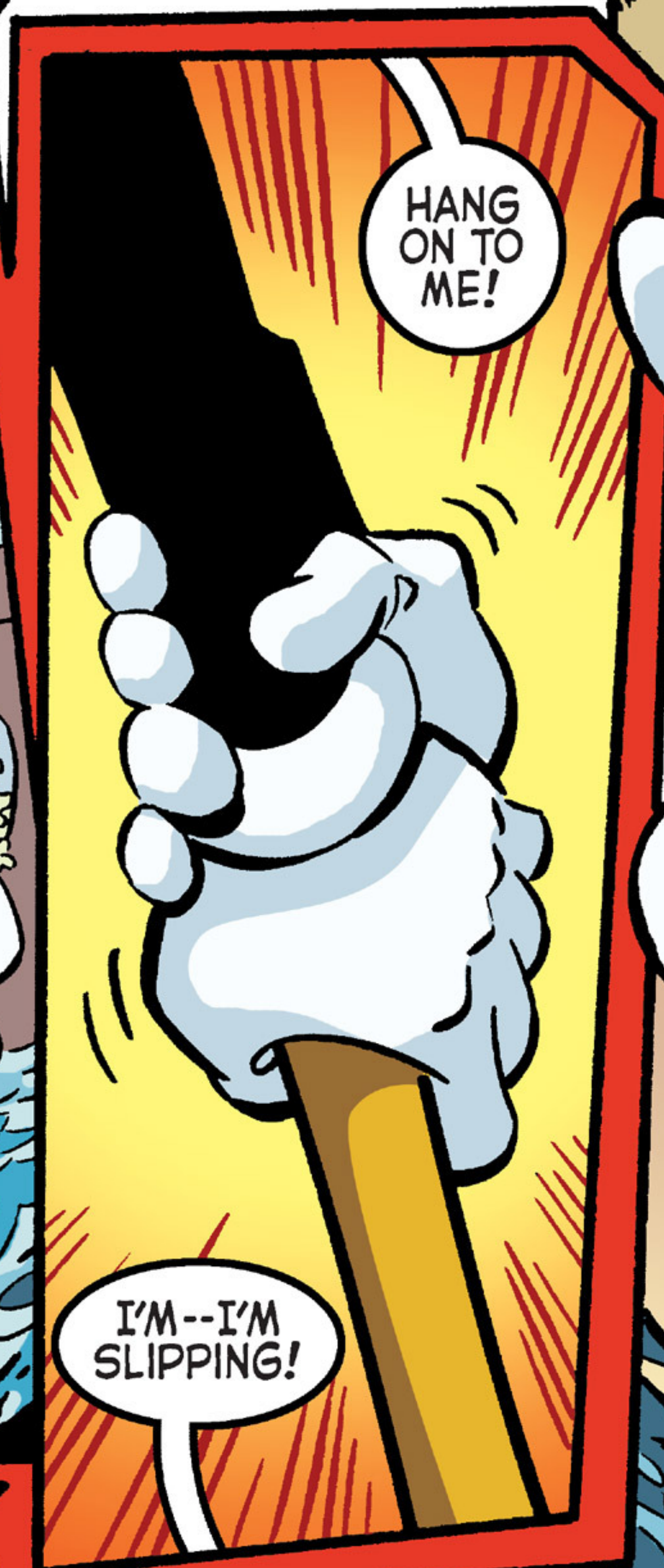
KER-SNAP







I'VE GOT YOU, BABE! I *TOLD YOU* THE FLICKIES WERE OVER-KILL!



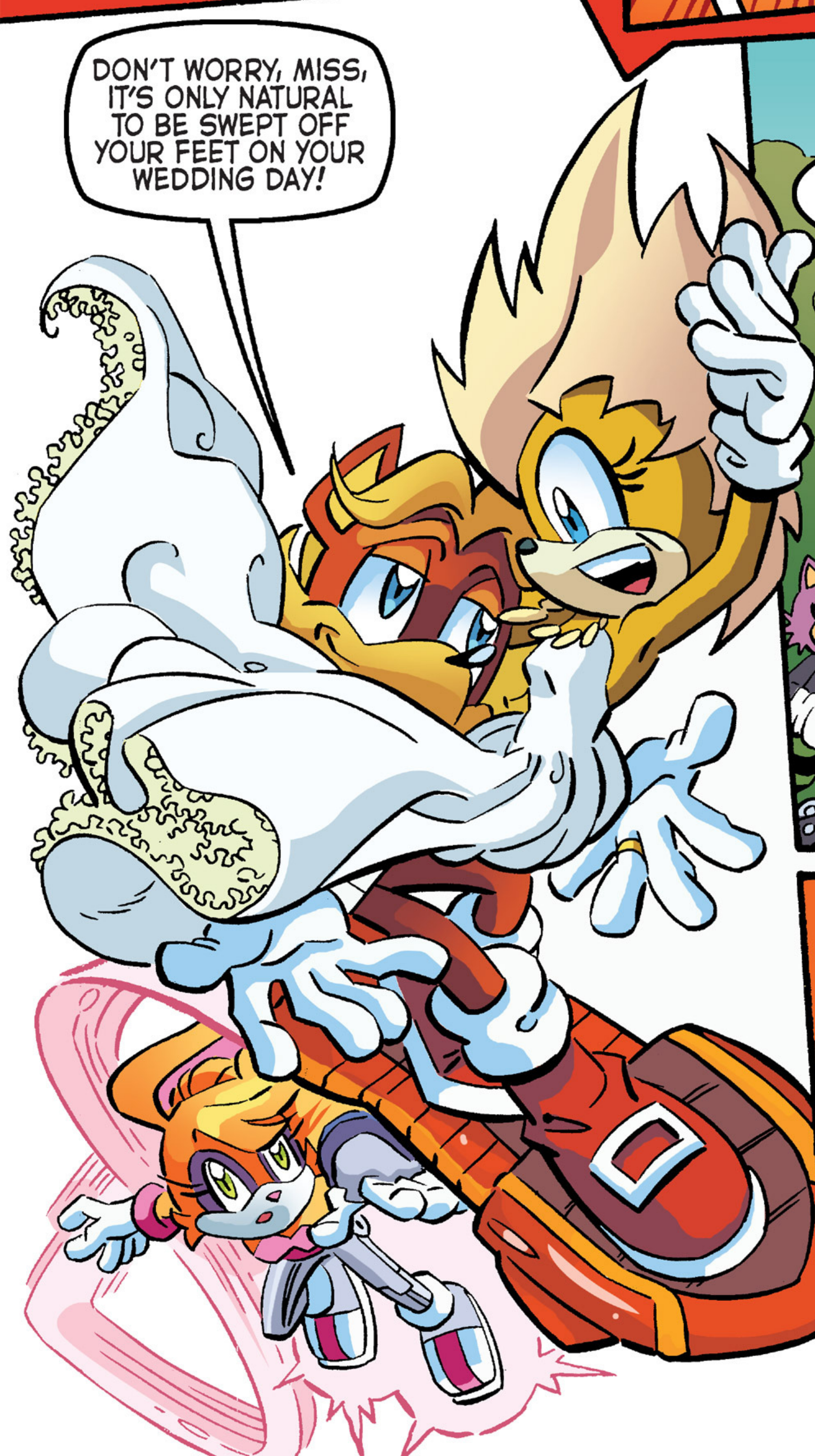
HANG ON TO ME!

I'M--I'M SLIPPING!



NOOOO!

AHHHH!

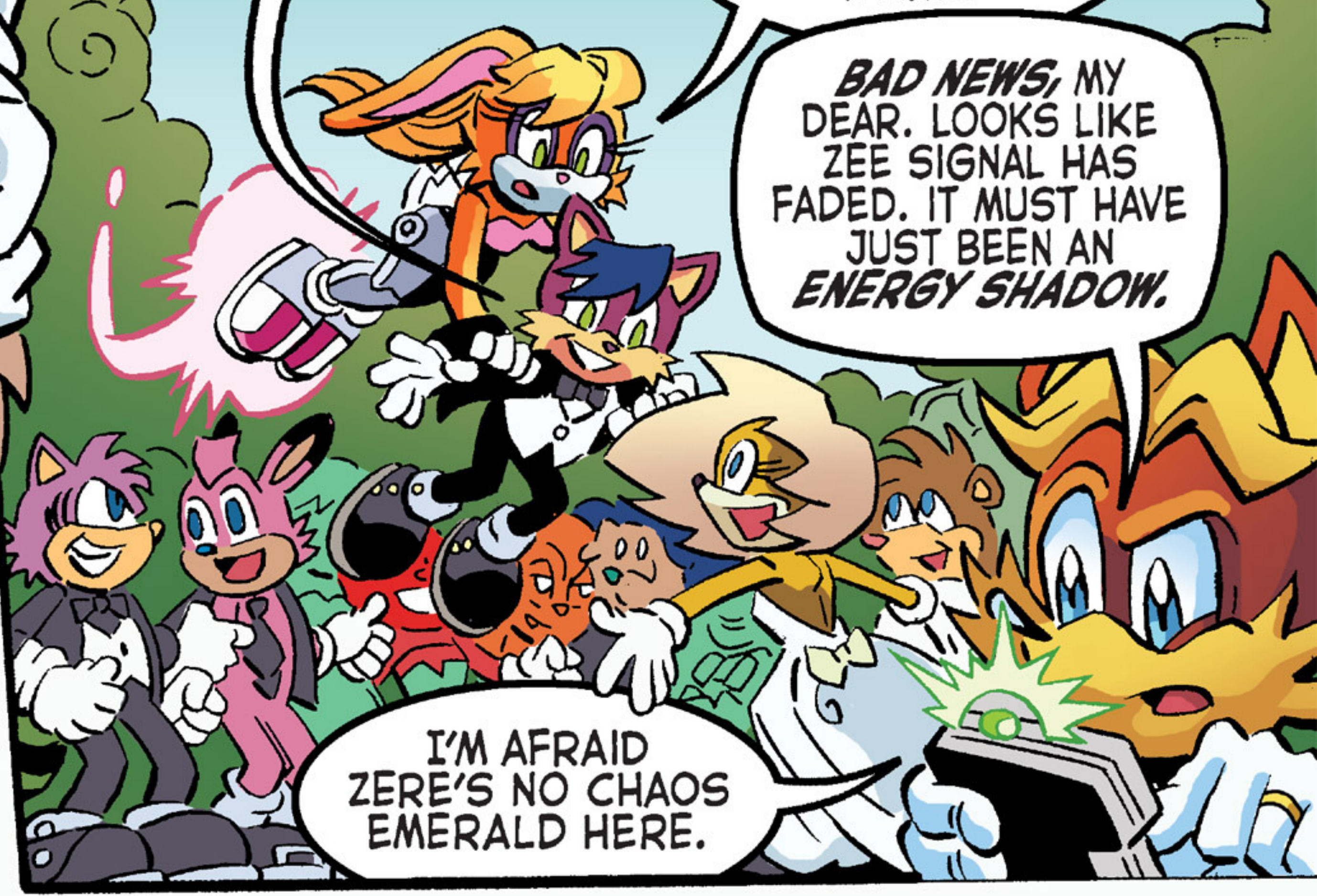


DON'T WORRY, MISS, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO BE SWEEPED OFF YOUR FEET ON YOUR WEDDING DAY!

THANKS FOR COMING BACK FOR ME, MISS!

DON'T SWEAT IT, DARLIN'. SORRY THAT AH...*FUMBL*ED BACK THERE.

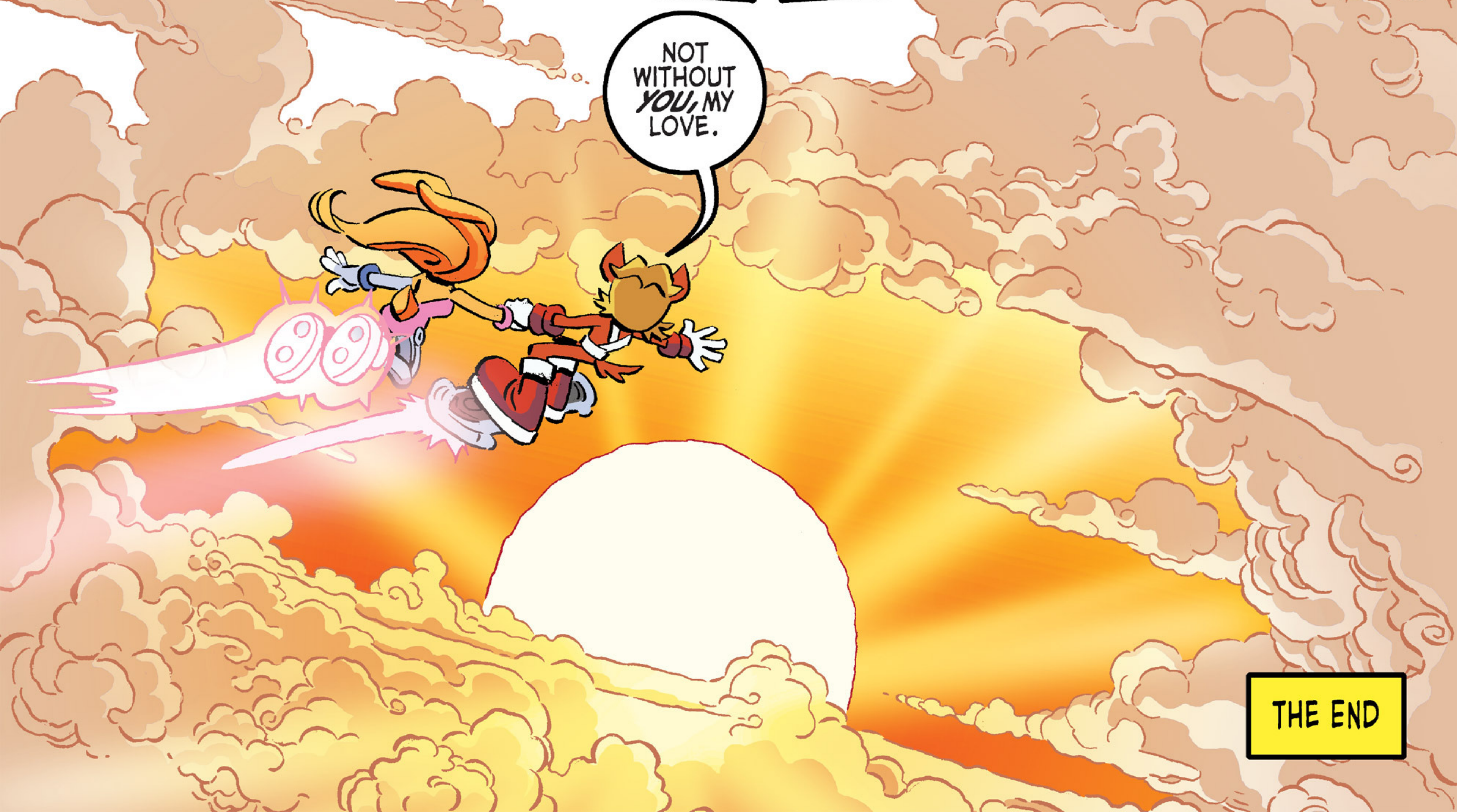
BAD NEWS, MY DEAR. LOOKS LIKE ZEE SIGNAL HAS FADED. IT MUST HAVE JUST BEEN AN *ENERGY SHADOW*.



I'M AFRAID ZERE'S NO CHAOS EMERALD HERE.



HOPEFULLY, SONIC AND THE OTHERS FARED BETTER. EITHER WAY, IT'S A GOOD THING WE FOLLOWED THAT LEAD. THIS WEDDING CELEBRATION COULDA BEEN A WEDDING *DISASTER*.



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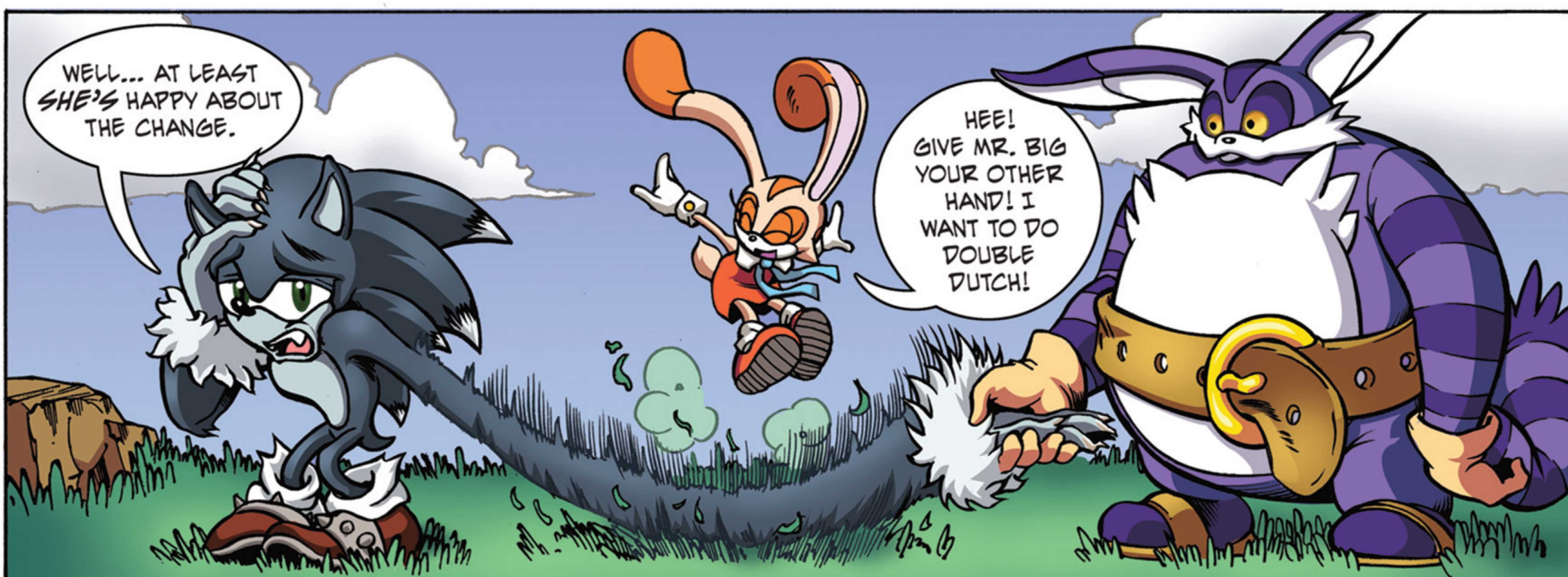
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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

This is my first time writing to you and let me say, I really appreciate the effort you all put into the comics, both STH and SU.

Thank you!

I have a few questions I would like to ask.

Serving up a fresh batch of "the usual"!

First of all, will we be seeing the return on Snively? He was very intriguing and one of my favorite characters.

Yes! As a matter of fact, Snively is currently assisting Team Dark in the story arc "Total Eclipse" which just began in Sonic Universe #67 -- on sale now, be sure to pick it up!

Also, how did the Pumpkin Hill Zone form? Why pumpkins? What causes the light from within the pumpkins?

The origin of Pumpkin Hill is as mysterious and ghostly as the zone itself. In fact, it's too chilling to even explain here! As for the lights coming out of the pumpkins, they are emitted from haunted flashlights that never run out of power! Naturally.

And finally, will there ever be a Sonic movie? (Live action or animated?)

Your Most Boss Fan,
Travis W.
From Oklahoma

Thanks for writing to us, Travis! There is one in development and we can't wait to see it!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

Wow, you guys sure have a lot of fans, and I'm one of them.

It's been a hot summer, we can always use more fans!

What took you guys so long to make a Sonic Unleashed comic?

Ian had a bunch of stories he wanted to tell before reaching the events of Sonic Unleashed. We did have an "Unleashed" story waaaay back in STH#219, though! Check it out on the Sonic Comics App! plugplugplugplugplug

When will the Sonic Boom comics be published?

Thank you.
Coolest Sonic Fan,
Kristy C sent to
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Thank you for the letter, Kristy! You can snag your first issue of Sonic Boom this October! You can order your subscription today with the coupon towards the start of this issue!

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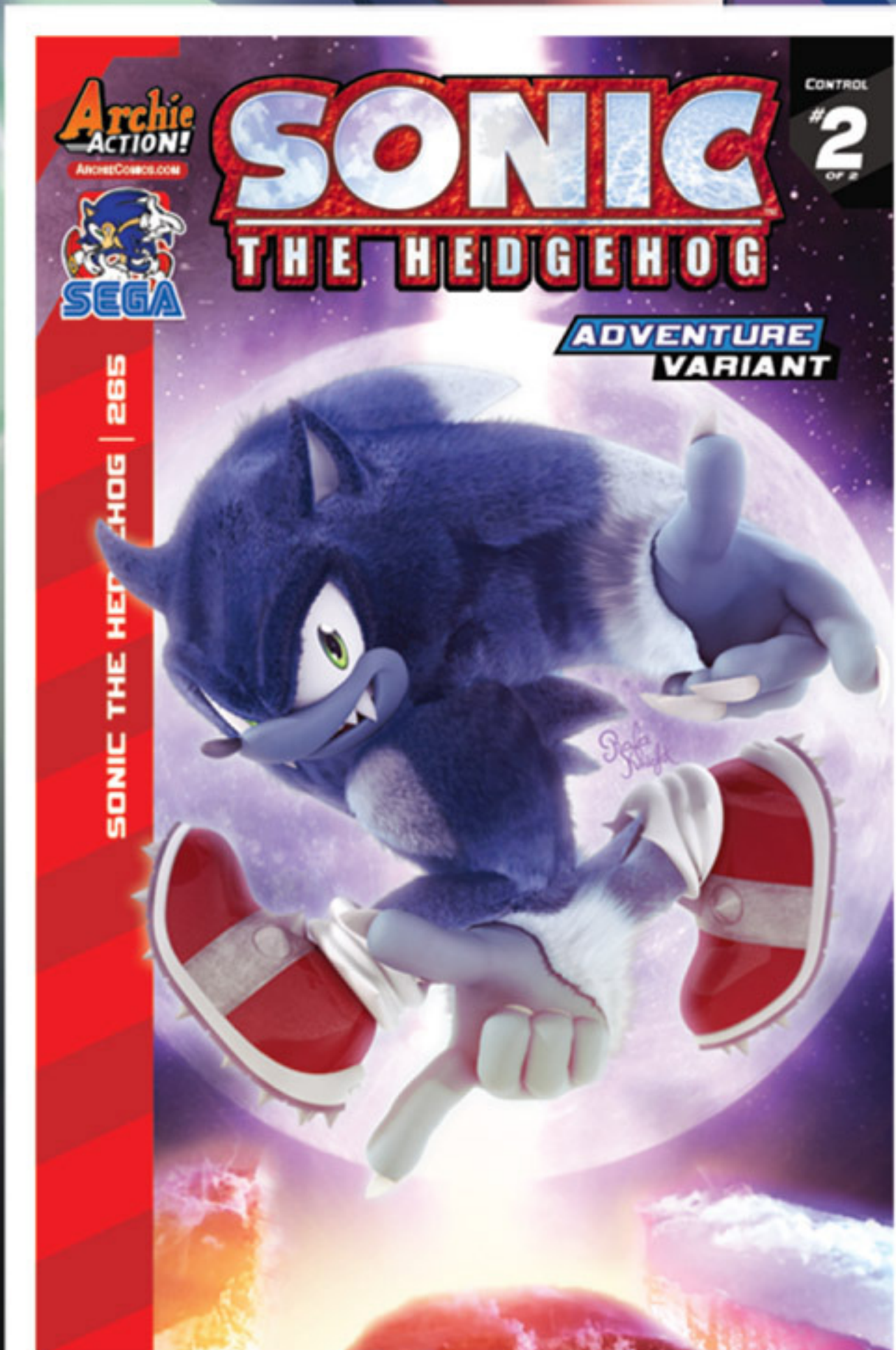
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